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Hardin County sees drop in per capita personal income

Total personal income among highest in state

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Hardin County has maintained its fifth-place status in the state for total personal income but fell to 19th in per capita personal income based on data collected for 2010.

The rankings were released Wednesday by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of Economic Analysis, which analyzed personal income at the

county level nationwide for 2010. Hardin County's level of per capita personal income dropped about 3 percent from \$34,217 in 2009 to \$33,191 in 2010, according to the report. Per capita income was measured by dividing the amount of personal income in a county by its total population, which the agency retrieved from the U.S. Census Bureau.

Hardin County's per capita personal income level is 103 percent of the state average of \$32,316 and 83 percent of the national average of \$39,937, according to the report.

Both LaRue and Meade coun-

ties shot ahead of Hardin County with significant gains. Meade County was ranked 10th for 2010 after holding the 19th slot for 2009, as per capita personal income grew from \$32,500 to \$34,774.

LaRue was right behind Meade in the 11 spot for 2010 after being ranked 18th for 2009, according to the report. LaRue's per capita income grew from \$32,596 to

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One dead after wreck of possible 'rolling meth lab'

Police say no seat belts were in use

By **SARAH BENNETT**
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An Elizabethtown woman is dead after a car believed to be carrying materials related to methamphetamine production collided with a tree Tuesday afternoon just outside Rineyville.

Jessica L. Fisher, 30, died

at 5:43 p.m. Tuesday at University Hospital in Louisville from injuries sustained in the single-vehicle wreck, police said. Fisher was a backseat passenger in a red 1991 Honda Accord.

The car's driver, David L. Stallins II, 26, and front-seat passenger, Matthew S. Stallins, 25, also were seriously injured and airlifted to University Hospital. On Wednesday, the hospital listed

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High schoolers volunteer in Indiana

Day of service takes North Hardin students to tornado-hit areas

By **KELLY CANTRALL**
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The spirit to serve in students of North Hardin High School was so strong it couldn't be contained in the state borders.

Seniors at North Hardin traveled to the area of Henryville, Ind., last Saturday to assist in clean up from tornadoes that hit the area March 2. It was part of the school's Day of Service, in which 189 students helped a number of local organizations and tornado victims.

This is the second year for the service day. It was inspired when North Hardin faculty members saw a presentation about service days at a school conference, teacher Angela Cannon said. As a

springboard to enacting service days at North Hardin, the teachers started an in-school recycling program. The goal was to create an internal focal point of service before branching out.

Cannon said "building school culture" was the main goal, and they wanted a way to teach students a sense of motivation and pride in their actions.

Locally, students spent time helping at Elizabethtown Parks and Recreation, North Hardin Rehabilitation, the J.T. Alton 5K run, Saunders' Springs, Goodwill stores in Elizabethtown and Radcliff, Hardin County Animal Control, Radcliff City Hall, Vine Grove City Hall, Freeman Lake, SpringHaven Domestic



Above, North Hardin senior Robbie Williams and classmates help with clean-up efforts in Marysville, Ind. The group was carrying debris from a home and creating burn piles. "It was eye opening," Williams said. "It showed me everything I take for granted every day and it made me more thankful."

Violence Shelter, Helping Hand of HOPE and on the school's campus.

The idea to include the Henryville area in the service day came from senior Taylor Domschke. Domschke said watching the news and seeing the damage motivated her to help in some way. After attending a club meeting in which the service day was discussed, she brought the

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Left, North Hardin senior Dakota Wadsworth high-fives Lydia Insko-Grady after working outside the Marysville, Ind., Community Center. "That feeling at the end when you know you did something good to help the community made it all worthwhile," Wadsworth said.

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One senior reflects on service in Indiana

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Vine Grove to transform into Mayberry beginning May 11

Festival to include food, music, look-alike contest, other activities

By **AMBER COULTER**
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Some Vine Grove residents recently have taken up Mayor Blake Proffitt's view of the city as their Mayberry.

The fictional town was the setting for the popular "The Andy Griffith Show" in the 1960s and was known for its apple pie morality and neighborliness.

Vine Grove will resemble the town in more than opinion beginning May 11 at Optimist Park on Knox Avenue with the city celebration Mayberry Days.

The carnival, crafts and entertainment planned for the event

begin at 5 p.m. May 11 with impersonators dressed as Mayberry residents, the Almost Home Band, food booths and the Across Kentucky Arts & Crafts Show.

Episodes of "The Andy Griffith Show" will be shown at dark using projection equipment borrowed from Fort Knox.

Craft and food booths continue from noon to 6 p.m. May 12.

Festivities also include a Mayberry character look-alike contest, a checkers tournament, sack and three-legged races, and a pig-calling contest.

Billy Ray Latham, who played with the band The Darlings on the show is expected to play with area bluegrass band The Darling Express.

There also will be a "jail" operated by the Vine Grove fire

and police departments in which visitors can have others locked up for \$2, which goes to junior firefighters. Inmates can be released for another \$2, city events coordinator Donna Broadway said.

"I told them to be lenient and if someone doesn't have any money, please let them out," she said.

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Inside Friday

New guidance on background checks

Equal Opportunity Commission updates job policy

By SAM HANANEL
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Is an arrest in a barroom brawl 20 years ago a job disqualifier? Not necessarily, the government said Wednesday in new guidelines on how employers can avoid running afoul of laws prohibiting job discrimination.

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's updated policy on criminal background checks is part of an effort to rein in practices that can limit job opportunities for

minorities that have higher arrest and conviction rates than whites. "The ability of African-Americans and Hispanics to gain employment after prison is one of the paramount civil justice issues of our time," said Stuart Ishimaru, one of three Democrats on the five-member commission.

But some employers say the new policy — approved in a 4-1 vote — could make it more cumbersome and expensive to conduct background checks. Companies see the checks as a way to keep workers and customers safe, weed out unsavory workers and prevent negligent hiring claims.

The new standard urges employers to give applicants a chance to explain a report of past criminal misconduct before they are rejected out-

right. An applicant might say the report is inaccurate or point out that the conviction was expunged. It may be completely unrelated to the job, or an ex-con may show he's been fully rehabilitated.

The EEOC also recommends that employers stop asking about past convictions on job applications. And it says an arrest without a conviction is not generally an acceptable reason to deny employment.

While the guidance does not have the force of regulations, it sets a higher bar in explaining how businesses can avoid violating the law.

"It's going to be much more burdensome," said Pamela Devata, a Chicago employment lawyer who has represented companies trying to comply with EEOC's requirements.

Marines discharge sergeant for Facebook posts

By ELLIOT SPAGAT
The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — A sergeant will be discharged for criticizing President Barack Obama on Facebook in a case that called into question the Pentagon's policies about social media and its limits on the speech of active duty military personnel, the Marine Corps said Wednesday.

Sgt. Gary Stein will receive an other-than-honorable discharge and lose most of his benefits for violating the policies, the Corps said.

The San Diego-area Marine who has served nine years in the Corps said he was disappointed by the decision. He argued he was exercising his constitutional rights to free speech.

"I love the Marine Corps, I love my job. I wish it wouldn't have gone this way. I'm having a hard time seeing how 15 words on Facebook could have ruined my nine-year career," he said.

Gary Kreep, an attorney for Stein, said he would pursue administrative appeals in the Marine Corps but anticipates the effort will fail. He said he planned to file an amended complaint in federal court.

"As long as he wants to pursue this, we will be supporting him," said Kreep, who is executive director of the United States Justice Foundation, an advocacy group.

The Marines acted after saying Stein stated March 1 on a Facebook page used by Marine meteorologists, "Screw Obama and I will not follow all orders from him." Stein later clarified that statement, saying he would not follow unlawful orders.

Brig. Gen. Daniel Yoo, commanding general of the Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, said in a brief statement Wednesday that evidence supported an administrative board's recommendation to discharge Stein.

Pentagon official signals possible Army layoffs

Panetta already has said Marines will decrease by 20,000

By DONNA CASSATA
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A Pentagon official signaled on Wednesday that the Army could lay off as many as 24,000 enlisted personnel and up to 5,000 officers within five years to meet a projected reduction in the force driven by budget cuts and the winding down of two wars.

Pressed on the possibility of involuntary terminations, Thomas Lamont, an assistant secretary of the Army, told a Senate Armed Services panel that layoffs were possible as the Army shrinks from a peak of 570,000 to 490,000.

"I hate to throw out numbers, but I have seen numbers that would approach enlisted category perhaps as high as mid-20s, 23, 24,000," Lamont said. "On the officer contingent, again these are very rough numbers and all based again on assumptions and attrition rates, officers may go up" to 4,500 to 5,000.

Defense Secretary Leon Panetta, in announcing the Pentagon budget earlier this year, also said the Marines would drop by 20,000, to 182,000. The Pentagon has indicated that the reductions would come through attrition as

service members retire. The possibility of layoffs would anger many in Congress who already are trying to reverse defense cuts. The military is facing nearly a half-trillion cut in projected spending over 10 years based on the budget agreement reached by President Barack Obama and congressional Republicans last summer.

At the hearing, Sen. Kelly Ayotte, R-N.H., pointed out that many of the service members who might get laid off had served multiple tours in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"Telling a well-performing combat veteran just back from war that he is getting kicked out of the Army would represent a breach of faith between our country and those who have deployed to keep us

safe," she said in a statement after the hearing. "I worry about the demoralizing effect giving pink slips to our warfighters could have throughout the entire all-volunteer force."



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House GOP responds with own bill to protect women

By JIM ABRAMS
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Republicans determined to show women voters that they have their interests at heart on Wednesday announced plans to renew the Violence Against Women Act, the federal government's main domestic violence program.

The GOP proposal set up a possible showdown with a somewhat different version that Senate Democrats have advanced and has been pending for several weeks. The Senate began debate Wednesday on the Democratic version as talks continued.

VAWA, first enacted in 1994, has a history of being bipartisan and noncontroversial, but that's changed this election year. Democrats have accused Republicans of waging a war on women, and Republicans, led by presumptive presidential nominee Mitt Romney, have responded by emphasizing their sensitivity to women's issues.

The Senate bill has 61 sponsors, including eight Republicans, but parts of it have met resistance from others in the GOP.

Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, joined by Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, is preparing an alternative that would eliminate several Democratic provisions, including those to set aside visas for illegal immigrants who are victims of domestic abuse, specify violence against gays, lesbians and transgenders are part of the act and expand the authority of Native American officials in cases of abuse of Indian women by nonIndians.

The base Senate bill would reauthorize VAWA for five years with funding of \$659.3 million a year, down \$136.5 million a year from the last VAWA act, which expired several months ago. The money goes to such programs as legal assistance for victims, enforcement of protection orders, transitional housing aid and youth prevention programs.

Sponsors of the House bill, which is being drafted, said it would be close to the Grassley-Hutchison approach. It was introduced by 12 GOP women lawmakers and three members of the Republican leadership, including Majority Leader Eric Cantor of Virginia.

"We are not going to be looking at the controversial issues that would actually detract from VAWA," said Rep. Sandy Adams, R-Fla., the chief sponsor.

Rep. Kristi Noem, R-S.D., said that "unfortunately, in Congress there are some who'd like to make this a political play. They'd like to make a cheap shot and try to politicize it in an election year."

SUPREME COURT JUSTICES SEEM OK WITH MAJOR PART OF ARIZONA'S TOUGH LAW ON ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS. Bucking the Obama administration, Supreme Court justices seemed to find little trouble Wednesday with major parts of Arizona's tough immigration law that requires police to check the legal status of people they stop for other reasons.

But the fate of other provisions that make Arizona state crimes out of immigration violations was unclear in the court's final argument of the term.

The latest clash between states and the administration turns on the extent of individual states' roles in dealing with the nation's 11 million illegal immigrants. Immigration policy is essentially under the federal government's control, but a half-dozen Republican-dominated states have passed their own restrictions out of frustration with what they call Washington's inaction to combat an illegal flood.

Civil rights groups say the Arizona law and those in some other states encourage racial profiling and ethnic stereotyping, and debate over such laws could have an impact on this fall's elections. More than 200 protesters gathered outside the court, most of them opposed to the Arizona law.

RUBIO OUTLINES FOREIGN POLICY VISION AMID SPECULATION HE COULD BE ROMNEY'S CHOICE FOR VP. Sen. Marco Rubio outlined his vision Wednesday of a more muscular American foreign policy, the latest salvo in his effort to elevate his profile as Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney begins his search for a running mate.

The Florida Republican's half-hour speech at the centrist Brookings Institution came four weeks after he endorsed Romney

and two days after campaigning with him. He also recently has spoken of a new immigration proposal that breaks ranks with some in his own party.

Both in Washington and around the country, the 40-year-old Cuban-American is pushing himself forward as a fresh conservative.

"Global problems do require international coalitions. On that point this administration is correct," Rubio told a crowd of almost 200 academics, policymakers and diplomats. "But effective international coalitions don't form themselves. They need to be instigated and led, and more often than not, they can only be instigated and led by us. And that is what this administration doesn't understand."

Introduced by Sen. Joe Lieberman, the Democratic vice presidential candidate in 2000, Rubio did not address whether he's

seeking the same office. The freshman lawmaker frequently has been mentioned for a Republican Party struggling to improve its standing with Hispanic voters.

SPEAKER SAYS HOUSE WILL VOTE FRIDAY ON STUDENT LOAN BILL, PAID FOR WITH HEALTH CARE CUTS. The House will vote Friday on a Republican bill preventing interest rates on federal student loans from dou-

bling this summer, paid for by cutting money from President Obama's health care law, House Speaker John Boehner said.

The abrupt announcement by Boehner, R-Ohio, came with Obama and congressional Democrats clamoring to prevent today's 3.4 percent interest rates on subsidized Stafford student loans from automatically increasing to 6.8 percent on July 1.

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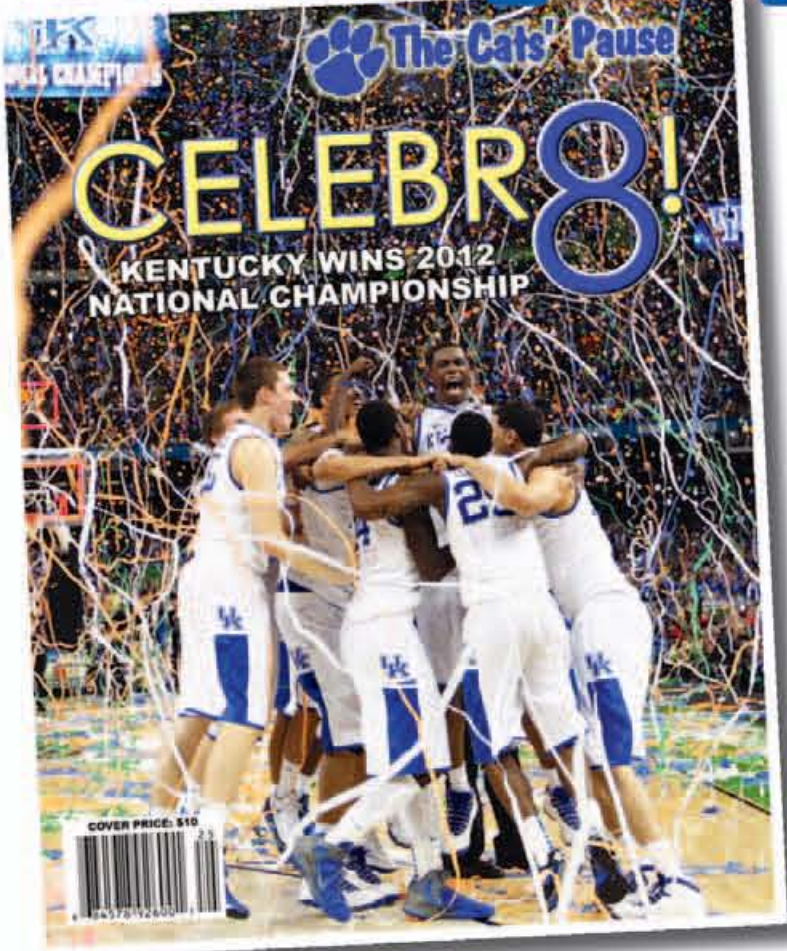
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EDITORIAL

Florida shooting case should not alter laws here

ISSUE: 'Stand Your Ground' laws

OUR VIEW: Kentucky law should remain intact

In some states, they're called "stand your ground" laws. In Kentucky and others, it's referred to as "no duty to retreat."

Regardless of the terminology, the 26 or so states that have enacted these laws protect the right of law-abiding citizens being attacked to use deadly force to protect themselves or others from the reasonable threat of death or serious bodily injury. The law says that you can respond in self-defense without first having to retreat or otherwise attempt to flee from an attacker.

In the shadow of the continuing controversy surrounding the Feb. 26 shooting death of Trayvon Martin in Sanford, Fla., an alliance of politicians and civil rights organizations including the NAACP, National Urban League, Color of Change and National Action Network seek to take away this right. Led by New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, the national "Second Chance on Shoot First" campaign is calling for a national repeal or significant revision of such laws.

Kentucky's law says "a person who is not engaged in an unlawful activity and who is attacked in any other place where he or she has a right to be has no duty to retreat and has the right to stand his or her ground and meet force with force, including deadly force, if he or she reasonably believes it is necessary to do so to prevent death or great bodily harm to himself or herself or another or to prevent the commission of a felony involving the use of force."

A law-abiding Kentuckian's right to self-preservation is as basic and innate as any right can be. It shouldn't be watered-down or revoked as a result of politicizing the tragedy of the Florida shooting death.

Although the Second Chance campaign mockingly characterizes these laws to be "shoot first, ask questions later" legislation, it's not accurate to view them in that contemptuous manner. Such a viewpoint presumes and automatically condemns every citizen who lawfully carries a

concealed weapon for legal self-protection to be a blood-thirsty vigilante. It similarly casts protecting homeowners who arms themselves within their castle to be trigger-happy rednecks out to take the law into their own hands.

This simply isn't the case and court case statistics prove it.

Kentucky lawmakers got it right the first time when all but nine members in the combined chambers voted in 2006 to enact what is now KRS 503.050.

Kentuckians have no need to fear their law-abiding neighbors nor should Bloomberg and others piling onto a tragedy to pull a gun-control bandwagon.

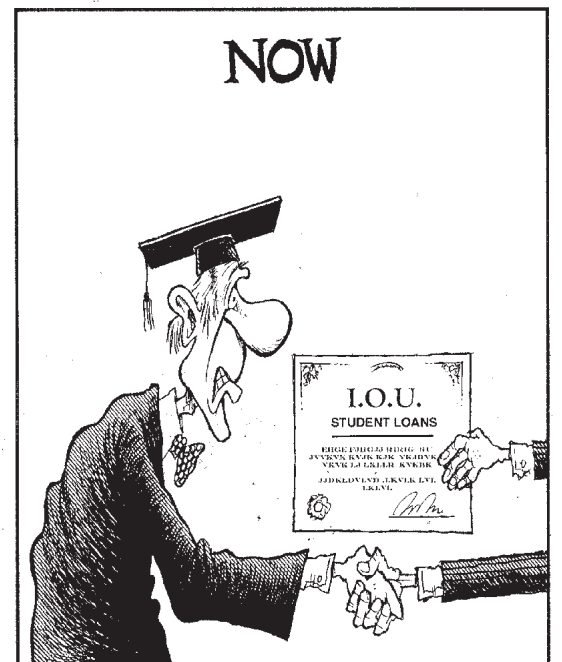
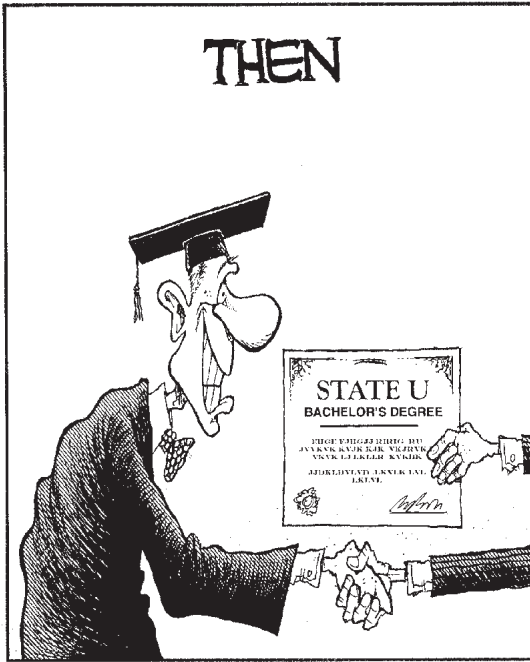
Indeed, it is those among us with criminal intent who should be feared. Being in a position and prepared to lawfully protect oneself or others against a violent attack makes sense.

Just like in the Florida case, these laws do not take away the ability for prosecutors in the justice system to charge individuals with a crime. If the evidence supports that a crime occurred, then an arrest and charge is appropriate and law enforcement and prosecutors have the responsibility to do so and allow the system to work. If not, individuals justifiably protecting themselves, their family or others should find the law on their side, not presumed to be guilty, and should be immune from the undue burden of criminal or civil charge.

In Florida, George Zimmerman has been arrested and charged with second degree homicide because authorities are questioning whether Martin was the aggressor. He now awaits trial after posting a \$150,000 bail and being released from jail.

Regardless of the eventual outcome of those charges, law-abiding citizens here in Kentucky and in other states should not pay an unjust price in having constitutional rights of self-protection taken away as a result of this racially charged case.

This editorial represents a consensus of The News-Enterprise editorial board.



IN OTHER VIEWS

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Bug-free drinks at Starbucks

The Seattle Times

Quick, which sounds more appetizing? Lycopene, a tomato-based extract, or cochineal dye, made from crushed bugs? Not a difficult question.

Good news, Starbucks fans. The coffee giant has responded to concerns about a tiny beetle used in cochineal dye, which is frequently used in products like lipstick, yogurt and shampoo, and as it happens, Starbucks' strawberry-mixed drinks. When customers discovered this, they sounded a collective "eeeeeeeww."

Starbucks announced a change in a subtle but noticeable blog post.

This is a welcome example of consumer power. A South Carolina woman launched an online petition on Change.org asking the chain to stop using crushed bugs in the dye. The petition garnered more than 6,000 signatures. And, what do you know? Their concerns were heard.

The reaction prompted obvious soul-searching at Starbucks, which last week announced its strawberry-flavored mixed drinks, raspberry swirl cake and red velvet whoopie pie will be bug-free by the end of June.

A point on the board for consumers.

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Rubio may find himself a man in the middle with Romney

Near the end of her Sunday CNN news program, "State of the Union," on April 22, host Candy Crowley referred to the previous week's news cycle as "the week of the Hispanics."

She had interviewed Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., for the program and he had denied he is pursuing the Republican vice presidential nomination. Instead, he praised former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, whose name has surfaced as the new possible running mate for nominee-apparent Mitt Romney.

But Rubio also praised people who seek economic opportunities for their families, no matter how they came to this country. He even asked who could blame migrants for coming here to earn a living for their families when their chances elsewhere are dismal or nonexistent.

Rubio described bedrock family and work values that, in practice, have been made illegal in some states when the undocumented pursue them while Congress has done little to find pragmatic solutions to immigration problems.

Rubio has put himself where Romney will be soon, the man in the middle. Like Romney, Rubio says he stands for one thing but approves of public policies that won't solve the problems of immigration.

Rubio, allied with the Tea Party movement, is not a flash-light in a dark cave. In that sense, Rubio is a lot like Romney, who has given extremist Arizona anti-immigrant policies his blessing, calling the state's draconian measures "a model." There is no room to waffle to a moderate position from there.



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And no way to brighten the room with that kind of darkness.

"Hispanic Week" also came as analysts worked hard to become instant experts on the important voter segments that may make a difference in the November elections: women, young people and Latinos. It is worth remembering Latinos are largely responsible for increased numbers in all three key categories.

In a sense, this year is beginning to look like the 1950 U.S. Senate race in California when Richard Nixon ran against Democratic congresswoman Helen Gahagan Douglas. She was smeared by the Nixon campaign as a Communist, in much the same way opponents slam President Barack Obama as a socialist.

The public was bamboozled by the Nixon campaign's claims against Douglas because people become increasingly gullible the more insecure they feel about the future. The public swallowed charges that Douglas had even cast Communist-leaning votes in Congress. She was referred to as "the pink lady" and she was said to be "pink right down to her underwear." Nixon campaign manager Murray Chotiner printed flyers about Douglas on sheets of pink paper to emphasize the point.

Tactics like that worked because the voting public is willing to play dumb and suspend reality. There is an immaturity

Unless Romney makes a self-correction of Biblical proportions and shows he knows better, today's kooks and reactionaries will stick to him like gum on the bottom of his shoe. He will never be free of them and we will never know what he really stands for.

among us that allows politics to be a joke taken too far.

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Yet if he does reverse himself, he shows he is even more cryptic than most thought and he lacks a core.

Rubio was on the verge of doing on CNN what Romney ought to do. Rubio seems to understand, at least, that government is about helping people.

Also during "Hispanic Week," Romney campaigned in Arizona, which is slipping from the GOP side of the ledger and might become a swing state this year.

Arizona might then become "a model" Romney does not like.

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Can Romney figure out which way the cookie crumbles?



REG HENRY

straightforward bakery goods culture.

This is why I am so glad I was never burdened with a privileged upbringing. If it were me, I would have just done a Cookie Monster impersonation – “Cookie! Cookie!” – and the ice would be broken and I would be elected president of the United States.

You see, you don’t get anywhere in journalism unless you are born with the common touch. In this business, you must meet and learn to get on with people from many walks of life – the unscrupulous, the cynical, the egotistical, the mad, the rich, the poor, the ignorant. And it’s worse if you leave the newspaper building.

To be fair, maybe Romney was just trying to make a joke, microscopic as it may be. But if this was a doomed attempt at humor, it may be proof that Romney is indeed a true far-right conservative, because an unfunnier group of people you couldn’t find at a funeral.

So who needs funny because they got money? Mitt Romney does, because without the humor that arises naturally out of an intimate understanding of human nature, he seems to lack the common touch that all politicians must also have to succeed.

Uh oh! Could it be that the Republicans have a candidate so lacking in empathy and authenticity that he can’t figure out which way the cookie crumbles? “Let them eat cake” did not work for the rich and beautiful Marie Antoinette. And “let them eat cookies” is too half-baked for a 7-Eleven.

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Life is a lottery and – as the observant among you may have noticed – a few fortunate people are given winning tickets the moment they arrive in the world.

Those with a special advantage are often born 1) wealthy 2) good looking 3) the sons or daughters of distinguished families.

As for myself, I think strike three has been called in the great ballgame of my life. But this is not an outcry of resentment or call to class warfare.

For in regards to wealth, I feel lucky to have a job that pays for a small but nice house and a fridge with some beer in it. As for good looks, well, that would have only spoiled my delicate personality. As for distinguished parents, mine were not well off but they were rich in affection and laughter. Their motto was: “Who needs money when you’re funny?”

With blessings like that, I am content. Indeed, it strikes me that if you are a graduate of the University of Hard Knocks, and have a degree of concussion, perhaps with an added diploma in the breeze-shooting arts, you have learned a thing or two about life that money or pedigree can’t buy.

That being so, it is my belief that being born with every advantage can be a terrible disadvantage. Which brings us to Mitt Romney, the Republican presidential candidate, as you knew it would.

The other day the wealthy, good-looking son of a distinguished family came to suburban Pittsburgh and met with some regular voters and sniffed at some cookies that were set out for them.

It is important first to understand that cookies

are sacred totems in the Pittsburgh culture. Why, it is the custom hereabouts that a cookie table be set out at wedding receptions. Indeed, it is actual grounds for divorce in Pittsburgh to fail to provide a cookie table at a wedding, which is seen as a type of mental cruelty.

OK, I made that up. Of course, it is the lack of the chicken dance at a Pittsburgh wedding that is grounds for a divorce, but that does not diminish the importance of cookies – and anybody that says different is a crumb.

Moreover, these cookies set out for Romney at the Bethel Park Community Center were special cookies – they came from the Bethel Bakery, which in local lore is a Valhalla of cookies, a sacred place where noble sugar and flour depart their own lives to be baked into heroic creations.

So Romney arrived in his aw-gee-shucks-swell way, took one look at the cookies, and said, “I am not sure about these cookies,” and, pressing on where angels fear to tread, added, “They came from the local 7-Eleven bakery or whatever.”

Well, I reckon you could have heard a paper napkin drop. He might as well have come dressed in a Philadelphia Flyers jersey. You just don’t diss a person’s cookies in these parts.

It was a disturbing incident. People naturally wondered how someone who wants to negotiate with devious foreign powers over nuclear weapons didn’t know enough to say the right thing in a

Mexico forest faces fire, armed men, squatters

By MARK STEVENSON
The Associated Press

MEXICO CITY – Mexico’s largest big-city forest park has been devastated by a fire that officials say was set by squatters seeking to take over land and worsened by the presence of armed gangs trying to scare off firefighters.

The fire at the Bosque de la Primavera, “Forest of Springtime,” on the edge of the western city of Guadalajara, has consumed 18,500 acres, or about one-quarter of the preserve, officials said Wednesday.

The fire, which began over the weekend, has sent plumes of smoke and ash into Mexico’s second-largest city, forcing dozens of schools to close. It is the latest chapter in a battle in Mexico

to save public forests from development, logging, pollution and fires fueled by droughts.

“It was started in a clandestine dump near a squatters’ camp where, every year, the inhabitants start fires, clearly deliberately, to take over park land,” said Alvaro Garcia Chavez, the chief firefighting official for Jalisco state.

Hernando Rodolfo Guerrero, the federal attorney general for environmental protection, said Tuesday there was evidence the fire was intentionally set and promised to bring those responsible to justice.

Garcia Chavez said authorities had to extinguish 14 fires in the last year in the same area.

He said the fire was 85 percent to 90 percent controlled late Wednesday,

and expressed hope it could be fully contained by today.

This weekend’s blaze got out of control because of unusually dry conditions and an accumulation of leaves and branches, Environment Secretary Juan Elvira Quesada said, but added that the blaze “did not follow the natural pattern of a forest fire.”

Elvira Quesada said real estate developers have been trying to build on the edges of the park and he pledged to try to prevent any new construction permits or zoning changes for properties within the park.

Garcia Chavez said two firefighting teams encountered armed gangs in the woods over the weekend and were forced to temporarily withdraw.

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DEAR ABBY

Dad who wants to be in kids' loop must try a little harder

Dear Abby: "Modern Dad in Roswell, Ga." (Feb. 26) was put off invitations to his young daughters are sent to his ex-wife's home rather than to both his and the ex-wife's. He assumes the sender is "sexist" and suggests the solution for children with two households is to be sent two invitations.

As a parent who invites children to my home or to a party, I don't feel I should be responsible for their parents' communication difficulty. Often I am not even aware a child has two households. The invitation simply goes home with the child to wherever he or she is that day.

Personally, I think "Modern Dad" is overly sensitive. He needs to realize no one is deliberately snubbing him or making assumptions about parental roles. They are just inviting his kids to things, for which he should be grateful. Did he share his address with the inviter? Does he make his preference clear to parents when meeting them?

I believe it's presumptuous to expect someone to send two invitations to the same child. And I agree with you, Abby, that "Dad" needs to improve communication with his ex-wife so he no longer feels he is being prevented from being an "active parent." — Regular Mom in Tennessee

Dear Regular Mom: A majority of readers agreed that more sharing of information

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between the girls' mother and "Dad" will solve his problem. Other parents' comments:

Dear Abby: Friends, acquaintances and professionals should not have to go out of their way to cover all the bases. Given the number of divorced, remarried and otherwise situated families, more than a single contact point becomes burdensome for those trying to complete business or issue simple invitations. — Agreeing with Abby in Severna Park, Md.

Dear Abby: I know from organizing school activities often only one parent supplies an email address to the school, and it's usually the mom. If "Modern Dad's" ex-wife would cooperate by sending him a list of email addresses of those most likely to issue invites, he could send out a polite message sharing his contact information with those other parents. Also, if he reaches out to help arrange carpools or organize social outings — which usually is a "mom" job — he'll become an added member of "the group." — Non-Sexist Mom in Illinois

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'TWEEN 12 & 20

'Because I said so' debate

Dr. Wallace: You stated parents should not tell a teen "because I said so" when they're asking why a request has been denied. I disagree. Parents are the boss and in control, and when I tell my two kids "because I said so," that's all there is to it. If they utter one word after they have been told this, they get put on restriction for a week. Believe me when I tell you "because I said so" is effective. Just ask my kids. — Mother, Tampa, Fla.

Mother: I believe fully parents are the boss and need to be in control of their children. But I also know there are many ways to be an effective parent. While the "because I said so" philosophy apparently works with your children, at least on the immediate level of exerting your will in specific circumstances, the children miss the benefit of your reasoning and thus, a chance to learn. It seems like a method of last resort, when you're too tired or impatient to explain yourself further.

Let's say your daughter asks permission to go to the mall with several friends and you tell her no. She asks, "Why not?" and you reply, "Because I said so."

Your daughter's friend Margo asks her mother the same question and is told no. When she asks why, her mother says she doesn't think the mall is a good place to hang out because it isn't fair to have a bunch of teens milling around with very little money to spend.

In both cases, the teen is not permitted to go to the mall, but I feel Margo can deal with the disappointment better than your daughter. She realizes her mother respects her enough to explain



ROBERT WALLACE

her reasoning and knows the decision is not simply an arbitrary one.

CONFUCIUS WAS A WISE MAN. Dr. Wallace: I really liked this boy named Ken, and we had been going steady for two months. We had lots of fun and got along really well. He was lovey-dovey, but I wouldn't have sex with him because I am still a virgin. Then one day, he just suddenly dumped me because I wouldn't give in and have sex with him.

I realize he couldn't have really cared for me if he only wanted sex, but it hurts my feelings to see him walking around hand in hand with another girl. Sometimes I feel I made a mistake letting him go, but other times, I tell myself I still have my self-respect and I'm glad I chose to remain a virgin. I know you will agree with me, and I want to thank you for advising young girls they need to think twice about "giving in" to a guy who probably does not have their best interests at heart. — Nameless, Dallas, Texas

Nameless: Your letter reminds me of the story about two tears floating down a river side by side. The first tear said to the second tear, "I'm the tear of the woman who lost her man." The second tear replied, "I'm the tear of the woman who found him."

I think these were words of wisdom from Confucius. If you ponder his words, they will comfort you.

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Neighbors

ORGANIZATIONS

Radcliff Woman's Club members celebrate Greek culture

Greek culture was celebrated at the April 9 meeting of the Radcliff Woman's Club. Refreshments consisted of the Mediterranean diet, fruit, vegetables and heart-healthy sandwiches.

The program was how to prepare baklava, Greece's most famous dessert. International chairwoman Anne Aubrey, chef Maria Bell, who with the assistance of exchange student Yucheng Zhan, and occasionally club members pitching in, demonstrated the steps in making baklava.

While preparing the baklava, Bell spoke about the Pacific International Exchange program Zhan represents. She mentioned it was a slight adjustment for him to live in the United States with a population of 300 million and China with a population of 1.3 billion.

The business portion of the meeting was conducted while members enjoyed the baklava. Barbara Proffitt thanked



Above, members observe while Chef Maria Bell prepares the baklava.

Right, door prizes were won by Arveeda Gordon, left, and Pat Nuccitelli.



members for their support in the Realtors luncheon. Sheila Enyart gave an update on the outdoor furniture project for the library. Julie Aldridge of CLP 99 asked for help in serving at its fundraising luncheon. Members agreed to bake cookies for the May 19 Hooray for Heroes event.

Miller speaks to Stitches Quilt Guild members

The Stitches Quilt Guild had Bonita Hayes Miller, an agent with Kentucky Farm Bureau Insurance, as guest speaker at the March meeting. Members learned everything they needed to know about insuring their quilts. Many quilts were shown during show and tell.

Stitches meetings are from 6:30 to 9 p.m. the last Wednesday of the month at the Hardin County Extension Service office.



Above, Betty Percifield shows one of her finished quilts. Left, Gloria Ashton with a quilt she made in a workshop while wintering in Arizona.

POTTED FEW GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS MEET

The Potted Few Garden Club met in April at the home of Renate Gosser with Linda Novak as co-hostess. The program was "Herbs: Spice of the World" and presented by Amy Aldenderfer from the UK Cooperative Extension Office in Elizabethtown. She shared much information about how to raise, harvest, dry, store and cook with herbs. She also encouraged the members to attend the Master Plant Fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 12 at the Extension office at 201 Peterson Drive in Elizabethtown. Club members were invited to journey after the meeting to Saunders Springs for the dedication of a pine tree in memory of deceased member Nancy Howell. The May 16 Potted Few meeting is a field trip to Cathedral Gardens, 1314 Hebron Church Road, Henryville, Ind. After the tour, members will enjoy box lunches prepared by hostesses Bonnie Gunter and Bonnie Lush. To attend, make a reservation with club president Anneliese Knoll, 352-0484.



SCOUTS



CUB SCOUTS HAVE RAINGUTTER REGATTA

Rineyville Pack 600 held its annual Raingutter Regatta. Pictured with Cubmaster Shawn Saltmarsh are, front row, Steven Barnes, Kase VanBlijenburgh, Tyler Meyer; back row, Will Walters, Noah Thomas, Seth Saltmarsh and Ethan Jones.

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Senate nears passage of bill to slow postal cuts

By HOPE YEN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A Senate bill aimed at saving the U.S. Postal Service would make it harder to close thousands of low-revenue post offices and end Saturday mail delivery — steps the struggling agency says are needed to reduce billions in debt and become profitable again.

The measure takes steps to help the mail agency avert bankruptcy as early as this fall, giving it a cash infusion of \$11 billion to pay off debt and reduce costs by offering retirement incentives to 100,000 employees. But the bill sidesteps most controversial decisions on postal closings, buying time for lawmakers who would rather avoid the wrath of constituencies in an election year.

The Senate was scheduled to vote as early as Wednesday on a final bill, after first considering amendments that in part could restrict the Postal Service from further cuts to first-class mail delivery. On Tuesday, senators agreed to tuck on amendments that would bar the shuttering of rural post offices for a year, give afflicted communities new avenues of appeal and prevent any closings before the November elections.

The final bill was expected to pass the Senate but faces an uncertain future. The House has yet to begin consideration of a different version of a postal bill, which seeks to create a national commission that would make major decisions on postal cuts and make it easier to eliminate Saturday delivery. The commission, which would have authority to do away with no-layoff clauses in postal employee contracts, is fiercely opposed by postal unions.

Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe criticized the Senate bill as a short-term answer and called the Postal Service's business model "broken."

Fed forecast: More growth, lower unemployment

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve has boosted its outlook for U.S. economic growth this year and is slightly more optimistic about the unemployment rate, reflecting improvements in recent months.

In an updated forecast Wednesday, the Fed predicted the economy will grow between 2.4 percent and 2.9 percent in 2012. That compares favorably with its forecast in January, when it estimated growth this year between 2.2 percent and 2.7 percent.

The Fed estimates that unemployment, now at a three-year low of 8.2 percent, will be between 7.8 percent and 8 percent at year's end. That compares with its forecast in January, when it estimated an unemployment rate as high as 8.5 percent at the end of 2012.

The Fed has slightly increased its estimate for inflation by year's end: between 1.9 percent and 2 percent. In January, it predicted inflation in a lower range: 1.4 percent to 1.8 percent.

Still, the higher inflation forecast is lower than the Fed's official 2

Orders for durable goods plunge

Orders for long-lasting factory goods fell by the largest amount in three years last month, mostly because demand for commercial aircraft plummeted. But companies also ordered less machinery and other equipment, a sign manufacturing output may slow. — AP

percent target for inflation. And in its statement, the Fed said it expected higher oil and gasoline prices this year to result in only a temporary boost in inflation.

In January, the Fed for the first time included forecasts for where its officials saw its key policy lever, the federal funds rate, headed.

In the new forecast, 11 Fed officials expect the first interest rate hike will not occur until 2014 or later, the same number who said so in January. But no official is looking for the first rate hike to occur as late as 2016; in January, two Fed officials had put the first rate hike that far out.

The number of Fed officials who expect a rate increase to occur this year remained the same at three.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION



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Minit Mart is building a new convenience store of approximately 5,000-square feet at South Dixie Boulevard and Centennial Drive in Radcliff. Jerry Goff, the company's director of operations, said the store should open in June with a Godfather's Pizza and O'Del's breakfast and sandwiches inside. Total construction is expected to cost \$1.2 million, Goff said. It will be the Bowling Green-based company's 32nd location and second in Hardin County. Harlan Tarter Co. of Brownsville is handling construction.



Under Construction highlights building projects around the area.

Pay for debt, not credit repair

Dear Debt Adviser: I have been working diligently to repair my credit. I think I am doing all the right things, but it just doesn't seem to be having an impact.

I have opened two major credit cards with a secured line of credit because my score was so low. One card has a credit limit of \$350 and the other \$1,250. I keep them almost paid off. Furthermore, I have been enrolled in a credit repair program for about seven months. I've seen many things removed from my account. However, they seem to reappear as a different account with a different collection agency.

If the account shows that the debt was charged off, but purchased by another lender, whom should I pay: the original creditor or the collection company? This whole process is very difficult. My credit repair company tells me not to pay anything off. I just want to repair my credit the right way. Please help! — Martha

■ Dear Martha: I have no doubt you have been diligent. Unfortunately, you have taken a wrong turn and, as we say in New England, you can't get there from here.

I don't recommend using credit repair companies or debt settlement companies. Both are expensive, offer little and can get you in a mess of trouble. I suggest you check the Federal Trade Commission's website to learn more about your rights and protections



STEVE BUCCI

when dealing with a credit repair company. The Credit Repair Organizations Act was passed specifically to protect the public from unfair or deceptive advertising and business practices by credit repair organizations.

The money you're spending for credit repair would be better used to pay off some of your old debt. Many services provided by the credit repair company are things you could have done yourself for free.

For example, the items you have seen disappear and then reappear on credit reports were most likely removed because the credit repair company disputed the item with the credit bureaus. You can file a dispute with the credit bureaus simply and for no charge. Once an item is disputed, the company reporting the item must provide proof that the debt is valid and belongs to the person on whose report it appears. Once they provide the data, the item reappears on your report. If a collector doesn't have the proper debt documentation, the credit bureau is required to remove the item permanently.

Repairing damaged credit does not happen quickly. If you have been late with payments, had accounts charged off, had a judgment issued or filed for bankruptcy, the stain will show up on your credit report for seven to 10 years, depending on the issue. But the good news is most people who view your credit report will give much more weight to how you have managed your credit in the last two years. So the positive information you are adding with your new credit accounts will help improve your credit over time. As long as you pay all your current accounts on time and as agreed, your credit will slowly improve.

To pay your charged-off accounts, contact the collector who reports the debt as owed. Request verification of the debt and then work out a payment plan.

Paying your outstanding debts accomplishes several things:

- You have met your obligation, and the collection process will cease.

- Anyone reviewing your credit report — future lenders, employers, landlords and insurers — will want to see that you eventually paid what you owed, even if it was late.

- You will know you did the right thing.

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BRIEF CASE

STARTUPS

Grants available for veterans

Veterans who live in Kentucky and want to start a business that would hire other veterans are invited to apply for one of five entrepreneurship grants funded by the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs Trust Fund.

The program consists of the Kauffman FastTrack training course, which

meets one night a week for 10 weeks, 12 once-a-month meetings with a business mentor and up to \$2,500 in business-related reimbursements.

More information and applications for the Veteran's Business Startup Program are available at business.louisville.edu/vetstart

The deadline to apply is midnight June 29. Technology related and draft business plans are preferred.

Staff report

MARKETWATCH WEDNESDAY

APPLE'S BLOWOUT QUARTER PROPELS NASDAQ TO BIG GAIN.

The Nasdaq composite index shot 2 percent higher Wednesday, powered by a surge in Apple. The iPhone maker's stock climbed \$50 after the company once again blew past Wall Street's profit forecasts.

With Apple's help, the technology-focused Nasdaq posted its best day this year.

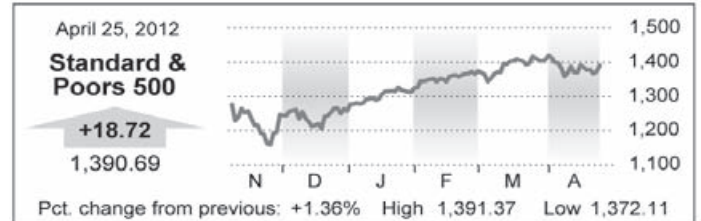
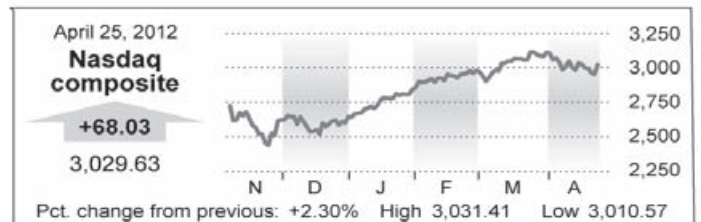
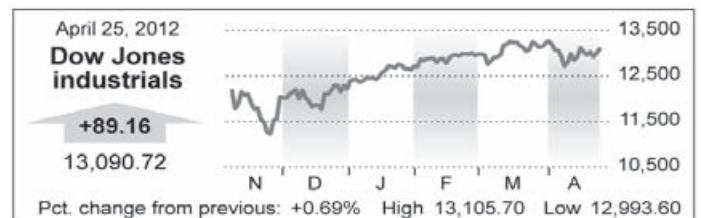
Apple, the biggest component of the index by far, climbed 8.9 percent after reporting that its earnings doubled in the first three months of the year. The company sold 35 million iPhones, twice as many as in the same quarter a year ago.

Local stocks

How stocks of local and statewide interest fared Wednesday as compiled by The Wright Legacy Group.

Company	Price	Change	Volume	52wkL-H
Cardinal Health (CAH)	41.61	+0.37	1,381,866	37.53-47.06
Churchill Downs (CHDN)	58.57	-0.93	108,029	36.67-60.00
Corning Inc. (GLW)	14.30	+0.95	38,079,760	11.51-22.05
Dow Chemical (DOW)	36.08	+1.45	16,304,130	20.61-42.23
First Fnd Svcs Corp. (FFKY)	3.57	+0.07	4,124	1.00-5.17
Ford Motor Co. (F)	11.73	+0.34	45,122,889	9.05-15.87
General Electric (GE)	19.45	-0.09	48,024,063	14.02-21.00
Humana Inc. (HUM)	88.73	-0.11	1,351,862	65.20-96.46
Lexmark (LXK)	29.73	-0.71	2,621,275	25.87-38.34
Papa John's (PZZA)	39.98	+0.46	202,642	26.95-40.82
PNC Fin. Svcs (PNC)	66.26	+0.69	3,541,646	42.70-66.27
United Parcel Service (UPS)	79.65	+0.19	3,316,267	60.74-81.79
Verizon Comms (VZ)	39.48	-0.02	12,561,866	32.28-40.48
Wal-Mart Stores (WMT)	57.36	-0.41	27,976,321	48.31-62.63
Yum! Brands (YUM)	72.75	+0.51	4,210,946	47.15-74.44

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GRAIN REPORT

Opening bids for Thursday, April 26, by elevators/mills to farmers:

	U.S. No. 2 Yellow Corn	U.S. No. 2 White Corn	U.S. No. 1 Yellow Soybeans	U.S. No. 2 Soft Red Winter Wheat
Trend:	Down 5-8	Down 7	Up 12-13	Down 8
Louisville	6.31		14.75	6.22
Pennyrile	6.43	7.71	14.74	6.27
			(Milling Quality)	6.16
Purchase	6.36		14.79	
Central Bluegrass	5.73-6.24		14.17-14.53	5.77
Cumberland Lake				
Mammoth Cave	6.33-6.46		14.64-14.68	5.96-6.17
Lincoln Trail	6.10-6.26		14.40	

	U.S. No. 2 Milo	U.S. No. 2 Extra Heavy Barley
Trend:	No bid	Unchanged
Mammoth Cave		4.00

	U.S. No. 2 Yellow Corn	U.S. No. 1 Yellow Soybeans	U.S. No. 2 Soft Red Winter Wheat
Louisville	5.05	13.44	6.27
Pennyrile	5.26	13.51	6.17
		(Milling Quality)	6.15
Purchase	5.29	13.50	6.30
Central Bluegrass	5.00-5.13	13.36	5.79-5.92
Mammoth Cave	5.17-5.23	13.36-13.41	5.91-5.97

	U.S. No 2 White Corn	U.S. No 2 Feed Barley
Pennyrile	5.83	
Mammoth Cave		

Source: USDA-Kentucky Department of Agriculture Market News, Louisville

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Misfit pirates take the big screen



The pirates, left to right: Pirate with Gout, Surprisingly Curvaceous Pirate, Albino Pirate, Pirate Who Likes Kittens and Sunsets, Pirate with Prosthetics and Pirate with Accordion, in "The Pirates! Band of Misfits." Right, Pirate Captain.

By BECCA OWSLEY
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In "The Pirates! Band of Misfits," a shiplod of crazy pirates are on a mission for their captain, aptly named Pirate Captain, to win the Pirate of the Year Award. Along the way they have a hard time acquiring enough treasure for him to win until they meet a conniving scientist, Charles Darwin, who tricks them into thinking they will win treasure.

Think "The Office" on the high seas and you might have a good idea of this crew.

While many of the backgrounds for the film are computer generated, for the most part the visuals in this movie are claymation. Claymation uses stop motion animation, meaning characters and other elements are made of clay and moved, ever so slightly, frame by frame, to give the illusion of animation when shown on screen.

Needless to say, it's rarely used in animation but is a creative-looking process.

The movie is directed by Peter Lord, who also brought the clay characters of "Chicken Run" and the duo Wallace and Gromit to life.

The film has a few intellectual jokes hidden in the dialogue. There are references to people and events of Victorian times that will pull in historical humor for adults and kids might not know why we're laughing.

There also are a couple things parents might want to know about before viewing the film. There are moments of bad language. The language flies by quickly, but if that's something you want your kids to avoid, you should know it's in there.

The characters also are pirates, so they

'The Pirates! Band of Misfits'

Rated PG for mild action, rude humor and some language
Release date: April 27
Runtime: 88 minutes



CREATIVE, BUT MEDIOCRE

do pirate things like fight, drink and plunder.

The best part about the film is the voice-acting. An animated film might be the only way Hugh Grant ("Did You Hear About the Morgans?") will ever be able to pull off being a pirate as he voices Pirate Captain.

His number two, The Pirate with a Scarf, is voiced by Martin Freeman who appears as Watson on BBC's "Sherlock" and soon will appear as Bilbo Baggins in "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey."

The scheming scientist Charles Darwin is voiced by the tenth Doctor in BBC's "Doctor Who," David Tennant.

All the voice actors suited their characters. Other voices include Imelda Staunton ("Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1"), Jeremy Piven (TV's "Entourage"), Salma Hayek ("Puss in Boots"), Brian

Blessed ("Alexander"), Brendan Gleeson ("Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1") and "Today" show weatherman Al Roker.

The names of the pirates also are entertaining and add to the misfit title. It's as if all the pirate names had run out and this crew got what was left. Pirate with Gout, The Surprisingly Curvaceous Pirate and The Pirate Who Likes Sunsets and Kittens are just a few examples.

Even with talented voices and artistry in the animation, the film is lacking. It is funny in parts and seemed to hold the attention of children in a recent screening. It's just not spectacular. There isn't another animated film in theaters until "Madagascar 3" and "Brave" in June.

It does, however, have a smashing soundtrack.

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Faith told through fiction

Ironically, sometimes faith and a love of science fiction can go hand and hand.

C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien, two giants of literature and faith, express their faith well in the form of fiction.

Lewis is a noted apologist for the Christian faith and author of one of the most loved fantasy book series of all time, "The Chronicles of Narnia." The series has fans outside of Christianity but Lewis' faith is evident as Aslan the lion takes on the sin of Edward by dying in his place to spare him, coming to life again because the evil of the queen cannot defeat him.

J.R.R. Tolkien has another widely read series now famous in film, "The Lord of the Rings." Tolkien and Lewis were friends and while Tolkien's Christian themes are not as obvious as he critiqued Lewis' to be, they are still there. His letters and other writings explain how his faith is embedded into the series.

The two authors began this journey of writing epic adventures in discussions of what they liked to read, fairy stories as they called them. They felt a void in the literature of their time and decided to take it upon themselves to write something they'd like to read.

Then faith kicked in. They were both enthralled with the stories in the Bible, which they both held to be true and the core of their lives. They wanted to create modern imaginative stories that had Chris-



BECCA OWSLEY

tian themes embedded in them that may spark an interest in the Bible for someone.

What they created were two of the most imaginative and creative works of our time. Many who attend Comic Con dressed as hobbits might miss the author's point. But readers like me, who see all the themes and allegories to faith, get excited.

The sci-fi genre explores the height of imagination. I believe if God created those crazy fish on the bottom of the ocean that light up in funky colors, he has an amazing and perfect imagination.

Admittedly, much of the realm of science fiction drifts away from faith. But the crazy thing is even some of the other sci-fi works are all seeking some sort of higher power or truth. Often they find these things in something alien or a mystical force, but they are always left searching.

In writings by Christians in this genre, the search ends with God and no further searching is necessary. They are stories of sacrifice, conviction and triumph.

If you've read many of my columns you may have already guessed I'm a Christian — a Bible-believing, church-going, theology-loving Christian.

Now, as a follower of Jesus, I am also a major fan of the science fiction and fantasy genre.

I'm a fan of "Star Wars," LOTR, comic book movies and much of the sci-fi genre. In a strange way, the creative adventure of exploring a large and vast universe beyond myself always points me back to God. Just like with Lewis and Tolkien, the creative journey gives me a fanciful allegory pointing toward the truth of God.

While writing a bit of Christian sci-fi on the side, I will never profess to be as good as the genius of Lewis and Tolkien, but I understand how their writings profess and strengthen their faith. Sometimes their works even bring me to tears.

So, I'm a nerd. And as a nerd I enjoy expressing my faith through writings about such things. If my book is ever published, it will reveal the main character coming to a faith in Christ while wheeling a sword and leading a band of secret warriors who fight evil beings in the dark nights in the streets of London. That all makes sense in my head, hopefully it will in print as well.

Walk through the wardrobe or take a step into Middle Earth and see if you can find the message two giants of literature tried to express through their writings. If you haven't noticed it before, you might be surprised.

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'Anything Goes' ... but audition first

Youth Theatre of Hardin County looks to fill roles Friday, Saturday

The News-Enterprise

The Youth Theatre of Hardin County will hold auditions for its 41st production, "Anything Goes," from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Hardin County Schools Performing Arts Center at John Hardin High School.

Hardin County residents in grades sixth through 12th are eligible. A \$35 membership fee and completed contract are required before the audition.

Those auditioning need only attend one day and must stay the full four hours. The selected music, readings and dance steps are taught the day of the audition and a snack is provided.

Show dates for "Anything Goes" are July 13 through 15 and 19 through 21.

Eric Pope directs the production, which is choreographed by Carol Zagar. Kim Strange is musical director.

For more information, call 765-5421.

COMING TOMORROW ...

- Photographer Leon Howlett releases book, "Kentucky Bourbon Experience"
- Entertainment calendar
- Where They're Playing calendar

INCOME: Berry referred to rankings as 'solid'

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\$34,074. Thomas Dail, a public affairs representative for the Bureau of Economic Analysis, said Hardin County's per capita personal income ranking dropped primarily because the state's total personal income growth was outpaced by its population growth. According to the

report, Hardin County's personal income grew 2.5 percent from \$3.46 billion in 2009 to \$3.55 billion in 2010, Dail said. During that time, the county's population grew by about 5.67 percent, from 101,254 residents to 106,999, according to the report.

The county's level of personal income growth was good enough to place it fifth in the state behind Jefferson, Fayette, Kenton and Boone counties, and Dail said Hardin County's level of personal income is not unusual for its size.

Meade and LaRue counties were ranked 33rd and 65th, respectively, in the state for total personal income.

Though Jefferson and Fayette counties recorded only modest growth rates in total personal income of 0.87 percent and 1.57 percent, respectively, their population and personal income levels are considerably larger than Hardin County's. Jefferson County's personal income grew from \$29 billion to \$29.2 billion while Fayette County's personal income

grew from \$11.1 billion to \$11.2 billion, according to the report.

Kenton County, on the other hand, recorded a 3.63 percent growth rate in personal income while Boone County's personal income grew by 4.31 percent, according to the report.

Hardin Judge-Executive Harry Berry expressed satisfaction with the numbers and said the rankings were "solid" considering the surge from the Base Realignment and Closure initiative at Fort Knox has

come to an end.

"It sounds like pretty good numbers," Berry said. "We knew we could not stay on top forever."

The Elizabethtown Metropolitan Statistical Area, which includes Hardin and LaRue counties, has been the top-ranked MSA in recent years for personal income and gross domestic product growth, and Berry said it can be difficult to sustain that success.

If the county and MSA can remain close to the top in state and national rankings, he said, it is cause for

celebration, likening it to the success of the University of Kentucky men's basketball team.

"If UK sustains its place in basketball standings, I think (fans) would be pretty happy," he said.

According to the Bureau of Economic Analysis, 990 of the 1,035 counties in the southeast region, which includes Kentucky, recorded growth in both personal income and per capita personal income in 2010.

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WRECK: Charges related to meth lab are pending

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David Stallins as critical and Matthew Stallins as stable.

Both men are from Elizabethtown, police said. According to a news release from Kentucky State Police Post 4 in Elizabethtown, emergency officials responded around 3 p.m. to the 1200 block of Boone Road.

Police said the Honda Accord was northbound when, for unknown reasons, it left the roadway on the right shoulder and

struck a tree. Its three occupants were not wearing seat belts.

Norman Chaffins, public affairs officer at Post 4, said if the driver and passengers had been wearing seat belts, their injuries may have been less severe.

If the car hit the tree at a speed of 55 mph, Chaffins explained, the bodies struck the dashboard at the same speed.

"There's no doubt," he said. "That seat belt's going to stop them from impacting the car."

As officials worked the scene, materials related to methamphetamine manufacturing were discovered inside the vehicle, police said.

Ron Eckart, director of

the Greater Hardin County Narcotics Task Force, said investigators found a one-step lab, two HCL gas generators and some finished meth product.

A one-step or shake-and-bake lab is a portable method consisting of a sealed container used to combine ingredients such as lithium metal and lye and induce a chemical reaction needed to turn the products into methamphetamine. The sealed container typically is a plastic bottle.

Eckart said HCL generators are plastic bottles used to turn liquid methamphetamine into a solid when it's done cooking.

The danger of the one-step method is the fumes

caused by the chemical reaction taking place inside the sealed container, he said.

"If they don't relieve the pressure every so often, it could cause an explosion, start a fire," Eckart said.

The containers found at the scene were tightly sealed, he said, and no leaks were evident.

Whether the meth lab in the vehicle played a role in the wreck is unknown at this time, Chaffins said, but it is a possibility.

KSP is investigating the wreck while the task force is investigating the meth

materials. Charges related to the possible meth lab are pending.

KSP and task force investigators were assisted on scene Tuesday by Har-

din County EMS, Elizabethtown Fire Department and Rineyville Fire Department.

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MAYBERRY: Event likely to be repeated if it's successful

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Broadway said there has been a lot of camaraderie between the city and community organizations because she contacted all area organizations asking them to sponsor various aspects of the festivities, such as a pie-judging contest and a bounce house.

"The Andy Griffith Show" is important to many members of the Vine Grove community, Broadway said.

"Every one of his shows would teach you something about morals or character," she said.

She thinks most Vine Grove residents want the values to continue to be practiced and honored.

Broadway hopes visitors

have fun and feel as if they've been transported to Mayberry.

"It's going to be great," she said.

She expects the city will repeat the event if it's successful.

Amber Coulter can be reached at (270) 505-1746.

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MASTER COMMISSIONER SALES

To comply with the orders of the Hardin Circuit Court, the Commissioner will sell the property described in the following actions on Thursday, **MAY 10, 2012** at the hour of 10:00 a.m. at the Hardin County Justice Center, 120 East Dixie Ave., Elizabethtown, Kentucky. Said property shall be sold to raise the amounts hereinafter set forth, together with interest and the costs of the action, and upon the following terms and conditions:

(A) AT THE TIME OF SALE, the successful bidder shall either pay cash or make a deposit of 10% of the purchase price with the balance on a credit of thirty (30) days UNLESS otherwise provided below. In the event the successful bidder desires or elects to credit the balance, he or she will be required to post bond and furnish an acceptable surety thereon. **The down payment, IN ADDITION to either a letter of credit or acceptable surety, must be produced AT THE TIME OF THE SALE.** Said bond and/or letter of credit shall be for the unpaid purchase price and bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid.

(B) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all taxes or assessments upon the property for the current tax year, 2012 and thereafter. The Master Commissioner will make a good faith effort to obtain and pay all taxes or assessments upon the property for prior years; however, this can not be guaranteed.

(C) All properties are sold subject to the Judgment and Order of Sale in each case which should be reviewed carefully PRIOR to purchase. The Judgment and Order of Sale can be reviewed at the Hardin Circuit Clerk's Office, 120 E. Dixie, Elizabethtown, KY.

(D) The Master Commissioner DOES NOT obtain a title search or investigate for further liens on the properties listed below nor conduct or authorize a survey of the property. ****The purchaser is responsible for title searches and/or any additional liens not named in the Judgment and Order of Sale and for the results of any good and accurate survey of the property.**

(E) The Master Commissioner does not have access to the properties listed below and therefore makes no representation or warranty of any kind as to the conditions of these properties.

SALE NO. 1
Green Tree Servicing LLC vs. Riley E. Goodman, et al. (11-CI-2387) - amount of Judgment: \$167,272.23 plus interest and costs.
7994 RINEYVILLE RD., RINEYVILLE, KY
Being Lot 60, Section 4, of Bryan Acres Estate to Radcliff, Hardin County, Kentucky, as shown in Plat Cabinet 1, Sheet 1992, in the Office of the Hardin County Court Clerk.
Subject to any and all easements, restrictions, conditions, and legal highways of record and/or in existence. Being the same property conveyed from Derek Butler and Christina Butler, husband and wife, to Riley E. Goodman, a single person, by virtue of a deed dated 2-13-2007 and recorded 2-15-2007 at Deed Book 1218 Page 342 of the Hardin County, Kentucky real estate records.

SALE NO. 2
US Bank National Association vs. Jeffrey M. Farmer, et al. (11-CI-831) - amount of Judgment: \$224,266.19 plus interest and costs.
400 MICHIGAN AVE., ELIZABETHTOWN, KY
Being Lot 53 in Freeman Creek Estates, Section 3, per plat of same recorded in Plat Cabinet 1, Sheet 1529 in Hardin County Clerk's Office.
Being the same property conveyed to Jeffrey M. Farmer and Melissa Leanne Farmer, husband and wife, who acquired title, with rights of survivorship, by virtue of a deed from Ryanland Development, a partnership, dated July 17, 2003, filed August 5, 2003, recorded in Deed Book 1083 Page 257, County Clerk's Office, Hardin County, Kentucky.
Subject to any and all easements, restrictions, conditions, and legal highways of record and/or in existence.

SALE NO. 3
Bank of America, NA vs. Chung Ja Rauchfuss, et al. (10-CI-1438) - amount of Judgment: \$78,706.88 plus interest and costs.
236 OAK RIDGE DRIVE, RADCLIFF, KY
Being Lot 31 IN MacLyndee Acres Subdivision to Radcliff, Hardin County, Kentucky per revised plat of said subdivision, recorded in Plat Book 5, Pages 5 and 6, in the Office of the Hardin County Court Clerk.
Being the same property conveyed to Gerhard Rauchfuss and Chung Ja Rauchfuss, his wife, by virtue of a deed from Radcliff Homes, Inc., dated June 17, 1974, filed June 21, 1974, filed June 21, 1974, recorded in Deed Book 265 Page 328, County Clerk's Office, Hardin County, Kentucky, and by the death of Gerhard Rauchfuss on November 21, 1994.
Subject to any and all easements, restrictions, conditions, and legal highways of record and/or in existence.

SALE NO. 4
Wells Fargo Bank vs. Otis Arnold, et al. (11-CI-2326) - amount of Judgment: \$124,714.03 plus interest and costs.
145 APPLEWOOD LANE, ELIZABETHTOWN, KY
Being Lot 39B of Applewood Subdivision, per plat of said subdivision recorded in Plat Cabinet 1, Sheet 3657, in the Office of the Clerk of the Hardin County, Kentucky.
Being the same property conveyed to Otis Arnold, unmarried, who acquired title by virtue of a deed from William O. Shultz and Rita K. Shultz, husband and wife, dated April 24, 2009, filed April 29, 2009, recorded in Deed Book 1293, Page 108, County Clerk's Office, Hardin County, Kentucky.
Subject to restrictions, conditions and covenants and to all legal highways and easements.

SALE NO. 5
PNC Mortgage vs. Darryl O. Chapman, et al. (11-CI-1885) - amount of Judgment: \$206,837.46 plus interest and costs.
1707 WOOLDRIDGE FERRY RD., ELIZABETHTOWN, KY
Being Lot 5 of Wooldridge Hills Subdivision to Hardin County, Kentucky, per plat of said subdivision of record in Plat Cabinet 1, Sheet 217-B in the Office of the Hardin County Court Clerk.
Being the same property conveyed to Darryl O. Chapman, a single person, from Bererly Yvonne House and Michael House, wife and husband, by Deed dated October 23, 2006 and recorded October 25, 2006 in Deed Book 1206 Page 788 in the Office of the Hardin County Court Clerk.
TERMS: \$5000.00 DOWN AT THE TIME OF THE SALE IN ADDITION TO EITHER A LETTER OF CREDIT OR ACCEPTABLE SURETY. BALANCE DUE WITHIN 60 DAYS.

SALE NO. 6
GMAC Mortgage LLC vs. Donna P. Hayes, et al. (11-CI-2321) - amount of Judgment: \$127,248.95 plus interest and costs.
846 EAST MAIN ST., VINE GROVE, KY
Being Lot 3, Hayes Estate Subdivision to Vine Grove, Hardin County, Kentucky, per Plat of same recorded in Plat Cabinet 1, Sheet 1946 in the Office of the Hardin County Court Clerk.
Being the same property conveyed to Donna P. Hayes and William R. Hayes aka William R. Hayes, Jr., wife and husband, by Deed dated December 14, 2009 and recorded December 15, 2009 in Deed Book 1314 Page 605 in the Office of the Hardin County Court Clerk.
TERMS: \$5000.00 DOWN AT THE TIME OF THE SALE IN ADDITION TO EITHER A LETTER OF CREDIT OR ACCEPTABLE SURETY. BALANCE DUE WITHIN 60 DAYS.

SALE NO. 7
The Bank of New York Mellon vs. Jermaine Drayton, et al. (11-CI-1917) - amount of Judgment: \$335,843.22 plus interest and costs.
148, 150, 152 and 154 DARBYWOODS CT., RADCLIFF, KY
Being Lots 5A, 5B, 5C and 5D of Hunters Ridge Subdivision, Phase 1, to Radcliff, Hardin County, Kentucky, per Plat of said Subdivision recorded in Plat Cabinet 1, Sheet 3581 in the Office of the Clerk of Hardin County, Kentucky.
Said property was conveyed to Jermaine Drayton, unmarried, by Highpoint Construction Inc., on October 10, 2006, by a deed recorded on October 17, 2006 in Deed Book 1206 Page 99 in the Office of the Hardin County Court Clerk.
TERMS: \$5000.00 DOWN AT THE TIME OF THE SALE IN ADDITION TO EITHER A LETTER OF CREDIT OR ACCEPTABLE SURETY. BALANCE DUE WITHIN 60 DAYS.

SALE NO. 8
Kentucky Housing Corp vs. John V. Byrd, et al. (11-CI-1904) - amount of Judgment: \$144,774.83 plus interest and costs.
126 SHIPP LANE, GLENDALE, KY
Being Lot 7 of CH Craig Farm Subdivision to Glendale, Hardin County, Kentucky, per amended plat of record in Plat Cabinet 1, Sheet 3811 in the Office of the County Clerk of Hardin County, Kentucky.
Being the same property conveyed to John V. Byrd, III and Jeri L. Byrd, husband and wife, by Deed of Correction dated January 8, 2008 and recorded on January 14, 2008 in Deed Book 1251 Page 405 in the Office of the Hardin County Clerk.
TERMS: \$5000.00 DOWN AT THE TIME OF THE SALE IN ADDITION TO EITHER A LETTER OF CREDIT OR ACCEPTABLE SURETY. BALANCE DUE WITHIN 60 DAYS.

SALE NO. 9
Kentucky Housing Corp vs. Jenny L. Lewis, et al. (11-CI-2193) - amount of Judgment: \$59,670.04 plus interest and costs.
181 NORTH MAPLE ST., SONORA, KY
A certain house and Lot in the town of Sonora, Hardin County, Kentucky, lying on the East side of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company, bounded and described as follows:
Beginning on the east side on the L&N Railroad line running thence in an easterly direction 179 feet to Maple Street 63 feet to an alley; thence running in a westerly direction 179 feet with the north side of an alley to the east line of the L&N Railroad; thence in a northerly direction with the East line of the L&N Railroad 63 feet to the beginning point, this being bounded on the north by the Wood Graveyard, on the east by Maple Street, on the South by an alley, and on the west by the line of the L&N Railroad Company.
Being the same property conveyed to Jenny L. Lewis, unmarried, by Deed dated December 13, 2002 and recorded on December 16, 2002 in Deed Book 1058 Page 164 in the Office of the Hardin County Court Clerk.
TERMS: \$5000.00 DOWN AT THE TIME OF THE SALE IN ADDITION TO EITHER A LETTER OF CREDIT OR ACCEPTABLE SURETY. BALANCE DUE WITHIN 60 DAYS.

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Submitted photo
Senior Sarah Spencer cleans windows at Radcliff City Hall. Some North Hardin students stayed local as part of the Day of Service.



Submitted photo
After a day of cleaning up the tornado-stricken area surrounding Henryville, Ind., as part of the National Day of Service, 51 North Hardin seniors return to their bus.

One senior reflects on day of service

On a cold, rainy Saturday morning, 51 students of my senior class braved the weather, gave up their Thunder over Louisville weekend and lost some sleep to catch a bus to help residents of Henryville, Ind., on the National Day of Service.



NATE YATES

As a student on the trip, I witnessed events which affirm what I always have believed – North Hardin is a school of pride and one that truly cares about its tradition of excellence.

As seniors, we really wanted to go on this trip and help those in need, but a lack of district money was going to hinder our dream as we couldn't afford gas for buses. Searching for a solution, two of our students immediately took to a local television station and social media sites asking for support and donations from the community.

The next day we witnessed a rally of people lined up in our school from all around our community to show their support by donating money and other items so we could make a difference. I saw a community come together to support a cause and a school, proving we truly live in a great place with great people.

As we boarded the bus and left for Henryville, armed with donations collected by our AVID III students for weeks prior to the event, we all felt excited to be making a difference in the lives of people who truly needed us. As

we entered the affected areas, we witnessed the path of destruction the twister left: debris all over the place, students with no place to go to school and people who had no place to live. The eyes of our students filled with sadness at the devastation they saw before them.

But, that day I also witnessed something else. We witnessed a community becoming closer, a community with the chance to rebuild and start over, a community brought together by a natural disaster and a town with a spirit that could not be broken.

After we dropped off the donations, we went to work on the clean up. It was there we witnessed the appreciation in the eyes of the community as we helped a farmer pick up debris out of his field so he could plant his crops in the spring and feed his family. Tears came to my eyes as we heard a woman's story while cleaning up her back yard so her children could go outside to play and not fear being cut by glass or other debris left by their barn, completely destroyed by the tornado.

After we completed the work we boarded buses and headed

home. It was then we witnessed the smiling faces of the community as we left, and for that I must thank Angela Cannon and Taylor Domschke for their hard work planning the event and getting us up there. Without you, all this never would have been a reality. I know it caused quite a few headaches, but I hope the money we raised, the donations we sent and all the help we gave made it worthwhile in the end.

I witnessed the pride in the senior class as we crossed the bridge back into Kentucky with mud all over us and water in our shoes, but still, we all were smiling. We had made a difference in the lives of the people there and it was a moment we are sure to never forget.

The trip brought forth two conclusions: one, North Hardin High School truly is an amazing place to send your children with a faculty and students who care about others; and two, this senior class is one of which I am proud to be a part.

Henryville taught us responsibility and helped us take a step into the real world. Seeing all the support and participation filled me with pride and I was glad to be called a Trojan and a member of the North Hardin student body.

Nate Yates is a senior at North Hardin High School.

SERVICE:

'You saw the hope in the people'

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idea to Cannon, "And it just kind of went from there," she said.

Cannon said she thought Domschke might find a handful of people to travel with her to the site.

"But that's not what Taylor wanted," she said.

Fifty-one students traveled to Indiana to pick up debris from a field, a parking lot and the yard of a home. Domschke said the town was in better condition than she expected, but seeing the damage still was eye-opening. She recalled passing a stake in the ground with a number on it

to show a house once was located there.

"It was really sad to see what a tornado can do," she said.

Senior Christina Moore was eager to help in the recovery efforts, but she had a different take on the town than Domschke, in that she found it "mind-blowing" how much work remains.

"I was surprised a month after there was still so much damage," Moore said.

But what Moore was most struck by was the spirit of the people. As they drove through the damaged city, they saw several signs with unflagging messages such as "God is still good."

"You saw the hope in the people," she said. "And that, I'll never forget."

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Central coach recovering from crash

Brandon Adams, a track and football coach, was in April 14 motorcycle accident

By JOSH CLAYWELL
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The Central Hardin High School track teams have had to adjust to life without head coach Brandon Adams, who was involved in a serious motorcycle accident

nearly two weeks ago.

Adams, also an assistant football coach at the school, was in a two-vehicle wreck April 14 on the Western Kentucky Parkway just west of Elizabethtown.

According to an accident report from Kentucky State Police Post 4, the 28-year-old Adams was westbound on the parkway when he made a U-turn. He lost control of his 2003 Suzuki bike and into the path of an eastbound Chevrolet SUV. The wreck occurred near mile marker 121, about 3 miles from White Mills.

Adams was airlifted to University of Louisville Hospital, where he remains hospitalized.

"It's been extremely hard without Brandon," Central Hardin girls' coach Kristina Covington said Wednesday before leaving for a middle school meet at North Hardin. "Even though I'm the girls' coach, Brandon did everything and basically told us what he wanted to do."

Covington and assistant coaches Chris Boozer and Tim Pennington have been keeping things running as smoothly as

possible in Adams' absence.

"It's been hard on us, but we've got some nice coaches on this team," Covington said.

News of the wreck spread quickly among area coaches and athletes via Facebook and text messaging. Central Hardin senior Antoine Keys found out what happened from senior teammate Jared Cromartie later that afternoon.

Turn to ADAMS, B6

Three former UK players coming to Towne Mall this weekend

The News-Enterprise

For the second weekend in a row, Towne Mall in Elizabethtown is expected to be filled with University of Kentucky fans from far and wide.

After former Wildcat center and National Player of the Year Anthony Davis was in town Friday night for more than two hours in front of more than 3,000 autograph seekers, three of his former teammates will be at center stage Friday and Saturday.

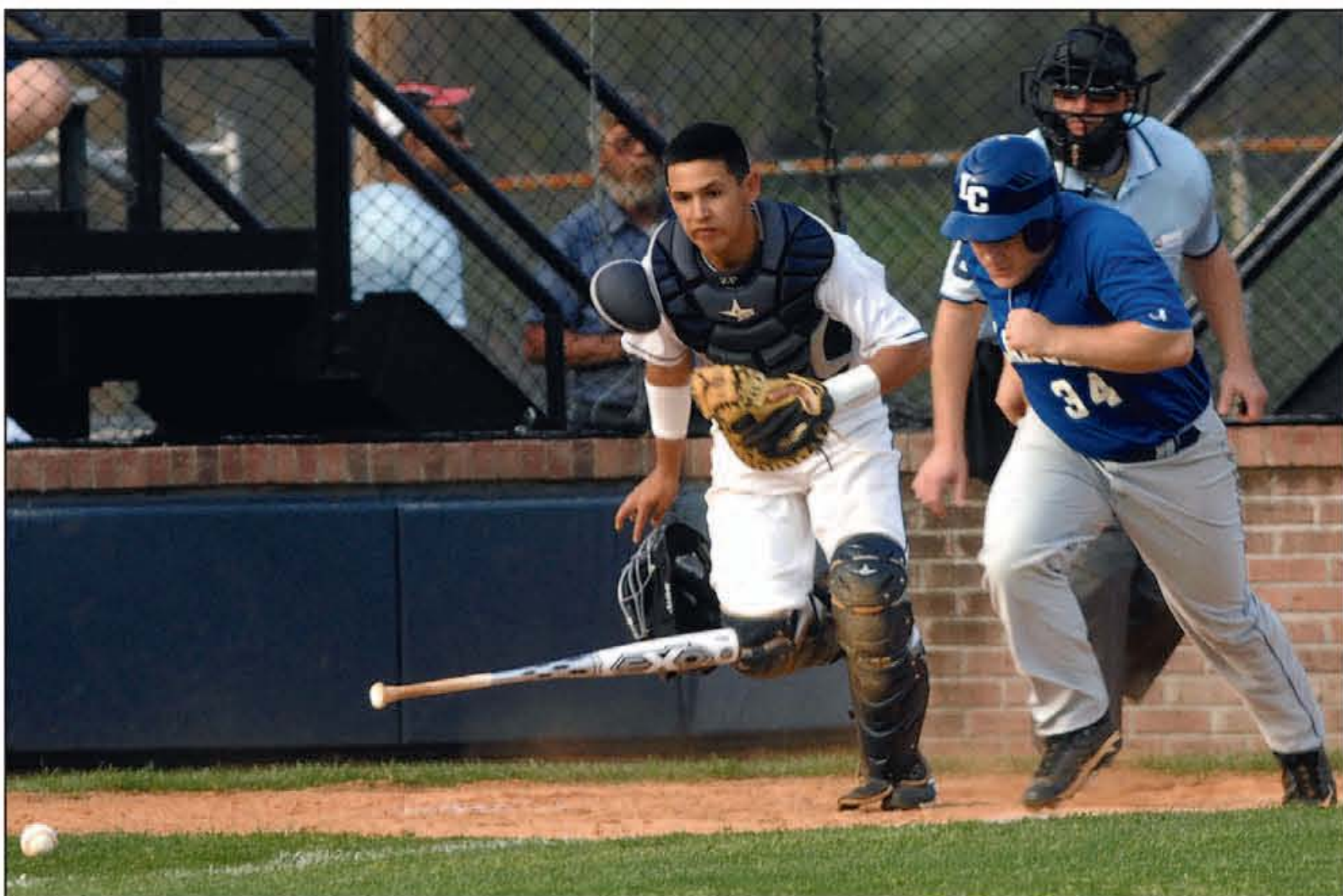
On Friday, Doron Lamb is scheduled to appear from 5-8 p.m. A photo package (\$30 minimum) must be purchased prior to having anything signed.

On Saturday, Michael Kidd-Gilchrist is scheduled to appear from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. A photo package (\$40 minimum) must be purchased prior to having anything signed.

Also Saturday, Darius Miller is scheduled to appear from 5-7 p.m. There is a \$20 charge for 8x10 photos.

Kentucky coach John Calipari appeared with the NCAA Tournament championship hardware earlier this month at Shoney's and the North Dixie Kroger in Elizabethtown. Davis could also be returning to Towne Mall in a few weeks, according to mall management.

For information, call 737-1616 or search for "ShopTowneMall" on twitter or Facebook.



NEAL CARDIN/The News-Enterprise

Elizabethtown freshman catcher Zeke Pinkham chases a bunt by LaRue County junior Cole Hughes during the teams' March 21 game at Ron Myers Field at Panther Baseball Park in Elizabethtown.

E'town's Pinkham shines at showcase

By CHUCK JONES
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Elizabethtown freshman catcher Zeke Pinkham knew he had a good workout at a recent baseball showcase, but he had no idea it went as well as it did until following the event.

Pinkham attended the Baseball Factory/Baseball America/Under Armour National Evaluation Tryouts at Louisville Pleasure Ridge Park High School on April 15 where he was named the Outstanding Player of the camp.

"It was surprising," Pinkham said. "I knew I had a good showcase, but it was shocking and surprising to be named the Outstanding Player. It was awesome to get the publicity and interviewed. It was a great experience."

And to think his father, Bill, nearly didn't take Pinkham to the event.

"I didn't take him last year because he was only an eighth-grader, and I almost didn't do it this year," Bill said. "I kept waiting for him after the camp and Zeke is always one of the last ones. He usually has to put his catcher's gear up. But I kept waiting."

"He starts walking toward me and he has this grin from ear to ear," he added. "I asked what took him so long. He said, 'Dad, I was named the Outstanding Player. They interviewed me.' He was really excited about it."

At the tryout, players took part in an on-field workout where they performed in front of Baseball Factory scouts who evaluated them on speed, pitching, hitting, defense and arm strength. Players get 10 swings, field balls at their various positions and are timed from

home to first and in a 60-yard dash. Each player is given a grade in each category.

Pinkham received a 52 for arm strength, blocking behind the plate and power. He was given a 50 for defensive reaction and 48 for hitting. The scouts use a scale where anything 50 or above is Division-I level, 55 or above is high D-I like the Southeastern Conference or the Atlantic Coast Conference, 60 or above is Major League level and 70 or above is Major League superstar.

"I was the first person to go and I hit 84 (miles per hour) on the gun," Pinkham said. "It was one of the quickest ones, including pitchers. I hit a few out and that turned some heads. It was a good showcase, but I didn't expect that."

Turn to PINKHAM, B6

It's an anxious time for most draftees

By DENNIS WASZAK Jr.
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Andrew Luck knows exactly where he's heading, and so does Robert Griffin III.

For the rest of the college stars preparing for the NFL draft tonight, the anxiety is building. Nobody is looking forward to the green room at Radio City Music Hall.

"It kind of made me a little nervous when we were talking to the commissioner and he said, 'You'll be back there for an hour and it'll feel like you've been back there for five days,'" Southern California tackle Matt Kalil said. "I'll be sweatin' up a storm back there, and I want to have my name called and not have to wait too long."

He shouldn't have to worry much about that. Most mock drafts project Kalil to go third overall to Minnesota after Luck heads to Indianapolis and Griffin to Washington. But he knows better than to put much stock in the pre-draft chatter.

"I stopped paying attention to all of that stuff," said Kalil, attending an NFL event at a playground in Manhattan. "No one really has a clue. Unless you're the GM of a team, you don't really know who a team is going to pick, so you just let it all play out."

That's the approach for the nearly two dozen other players who'll



RICHARD DREW/The Associated Press

Andrew Luck, left, and Robert Griffin III attend an NFL draft reception during their visit Wednesday to the trading floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

be at Radio City and have no idea when they might walk onto the stage, shake commissioner Roger Goodell's hand and hold up the jersey of the team with which they'll start their professional career.

"For Luck and RGIII, they know what's going on and they know where they're going to live and all that kind of stuff," Alabama safety Mark Barron said. "A lot of us other guys, we're still wondering where we're going to be living for the next however many years."

Griffin, the Heisman Trophy winner from Baylor, is comforted by already knowing he'll be a member of the Redskins. But he thinks he might actually miss the draft-day jitters. Well, at least a little bit.

"It kind of puts yourself at ease," he said, "but it does kind of rob you of that natural draftee experience where you don't know where you're going and you're in limbo."

Turn to PICKS, B6

Reds rally by Giants, 4-2

The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Scott Rolen's homer started a four-run rally in the seventh inning that sent the Cincinnati Reds to a 4-2 victory Wednesday night over the San Francisco Giants and extending their misery at Great American Ball Park.

Rolen's first homer since July 6 ended Barry Zito's shutout and got into the Giants' bullpen, which let the game get away on a rain-slicked field.

Clay Hensley (1-2) threw wildly for an error after slipping as he fielded a bunt. Jeremy Affeldt's wild pitch allowed the go-ahead run to score.

It was another miserable game for the Giants at Great American Ball Park, where they've dropped seven straight and 12-of-16. Zito remains winless there in six starts.

Jose Arredondo (2-0) had one perfect inning. Sean Marshall pitched the ninth and remained perfect in four save chances for the Reds, who have won 5-of-6.

Before the game, the Giants put Aubrey Huff on



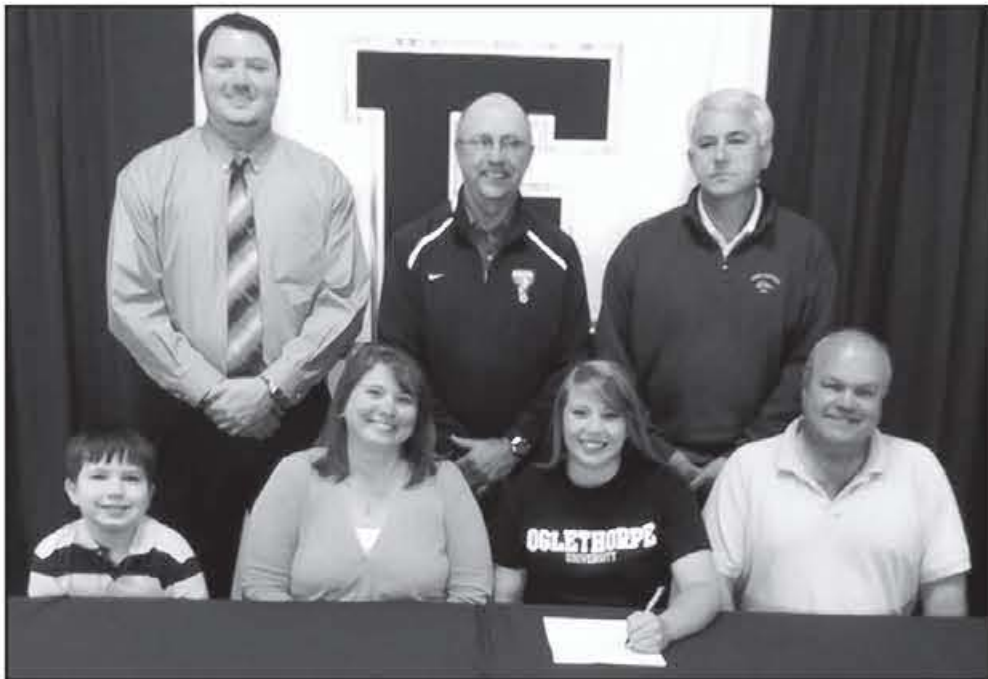
ERNEST COLEMAN/The Associated Press

Cincinnati Reds starting pitcher Bronson Arroyo throws in the first inning of the Reds' 4-2 win Wednesday night against the San Francisco Giants in Cincinnati.

the 15-day disabled list while he gets treatment for an anxiety attack. Huff left the team after having a tough time in a game Saturday. He could rejoin the team in San Francisco next weekend.

Pablo Sandoval singled in the third inning, giving him a hit in each of the first 18 games. That matches Johnny Rucker's mark with the 1945 New York Giants for best season-opening streak in franchise history.

COLLEGE SIGNING



Elizabethtown's Kuhn To Oglethorpe University

Elizabethtown High School senior Hannah Kuhn signed Monday to play soccer for Oglethorpe University, an NCAA Division-III program in Atlanta. Seated, from left, are brother Eli, mother Carla, Kuhn and father Dean. Standing are EHS principal Steve Smallwood, EHS coach Jerry Crabtree and EHS athletic director Doug Barnes.

SPORTS CALENDAR

SPORTS TEAM NOTE: Sports Calendar is a free service, but The News-Enterprise sports department cannot guarantee when or how many times an item will run. Items should be submitted to The NE sports department no sooner than three weeks prior to the date of your event. The NE sports department has the right to edit all Sports Calendar items. To place a Sports Calendar item, call (270) 505-1752, fax it to (270) 769-6965 or email it to sports@thenewsenterprise.com.

APPEARANCES
Doron Lamb/Terrence Jones At Towne Mall
 Former University of Kentucky men's basketball players Doron Lamb and Terrence Jones will be at Elizabethtown's Towne Mall from 5-8 p.m. Friday. A photo package must be purchased prior to having anything signed. For information, call 737-0601.

Michael Kidd-Gilchrist At Towne Mall
 Former University of Kentucky men's basketball player Michael Kidd-Gilchrist will be at Elizabethtown's Towne Mall from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Saturday. A minimum \$40 package must be purchased prior to having anything signed. A free autographed 8x10 photo will be given to the first 100 service members in uniform. For information, call 737-0601.

Darius Miller At Towne Mall
 Former University of Kentucky men's basketball player Darius Miller will be at Elizabethtown's Towne Mall from 5-7 p.m. Saturday. There is a \$20 charge for 8x10 photos. For information, call 737-0601.

New York Giants' Deon Grant At Fort Knox
 New York Giants safety Deon Grant will be at Fort Knox on May 4. Schedule includes physical training and breakfast with the 3/3 Brigade Combat Team, an autograph and picture session at the main post exchange and a visit with the Fort Knox High School football team.

Toppers On Tour In Elizabethtown
 Western Kentucky University's "Toppers On Tour" will stop at Elizabethtown Country Club at 5:30 p.m. June 18. Scheduled to appear are WKU interim athletic director Todd Stewart, head football coach Willie Taggart, head men's basketball coach Ray Harper and head women's basketball coach Michelle Clark-Hazard. Cheerleaders, Topperettes and Big Red, and more coaches and staff members could appear as well. Members of the WKU ticket office will also be on-hand to answer questions and take orders for football season tickets and deposits for basketball season tickets. For information, visit www.alumni.wku.edu/toppersontour, call the local WKU alumni association at (270) 745-4395 or email alumni@wku.edu.

BANQUETS/DINNERS
Third Annual LaRue County Football BBQ Chicken Dinner
 The third annual LaRue County High School football barbecue chicken dinner is noon-3 p.m. Sunday at LaRue County's Sportsman Lake. Dine-in or carry-out are both available. The \$10 per plate charge includes chicken, two sides, homemade dessert, bread and a drink. Tickets are available through LCHS football players.

CAMPS/CLINICS
CHHS Youth Football Camp
 The Central Hardin High School football team will have a youth camp from 9-11:30 a.m. June 5-7 at CHHS. Camp is open to ages 8-13 and cost is \$50 per camper. Deadline to register is Tuesday. For information, call Rhonda Walters at 765-9388.

CHHS Volleyball Camp
 The Central Hardin High School volleyball team will have a camp from 8:45 a.m.-noon June 11-14 at Bruin Gym. Cost is \$50 in advance or \$60 at the door and includes a T-shirt. Camp is open to those entering grades 9-9. Registration forms are available at local elementary and middle school as well as CHHS. For information, call Rita Highbaugh at 268-9372 or Bill Rineker at 401-6057.

GOLF NOTICES
Helping Hand of Hope Golf Scramble
 The Helping Hand of Hope will have a golf scramble May 4 at Elizabethtown Country Club. Registration begins at 8 a.m. with a shotgun start at 9. For information, contact Sheri Reynolds at 769-3092 or sreynolds@hope.com.

CHUMC Golf Scramble
 College Heights United Methodist Church will have a golf scramble May 25 at Lindsey Golf Course. Registration begins at 7 a.m. with a shotgun start at 8:30. Entry fee is \$50 per player or \$200 per team. Deadline to enter is May 21. All proceeds will go to benefit the church's youth group mission trip to Panama. For information, call Terry Coy at 401-1997 or 982-3503 (evenings only) or Coleman Howlett at 872-6140.

Radcliff Rotary Golf Scramble
 The Radcliff Rotary golf scramble will be held at 9 a.m. June 1 at Fort Knox's Lindsey Golf Course. Check-in is 8 a.m. June 1. Lunch and beverages will be provided. Prizes will be awarded for first, third, sixth and last places. If you don't have a team, one will be found for you. For information, call Mike Enlow at 765-8659, Ext. 6410.

HONORS

NHHS Hall of Fame
 The North Hardin High School Athletic Hall of Fame's third class will be inducted in September. Nominations will be accepted until Tuesday. Nomination forms are available in the NHHS main office or at www.hardin.kyschools.us/nhhs/athletics/halloffame/. For information, call Judy Bishop at 351-3659.

MEETINGS

EHS Boys' Soccer
 The Elizabethtown High School boys' soccer team will have a meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the high school. Anyone interested in playing in the fall and their parents should attend. For information, email EHS coach Jon Parsons at jon.parsons@etown.kyschools.us.

PHYSICALS

HMH Sports Physicals
 The Hardin Memorial Hospital Sports Medicine team will offer sports physicals May 12 at the Care First Urgent Care Center location and the Therapy and Sports Medicine Center at HMH. Cost is \$10. Physicals are open to high school athletes (including incoming freshmen) and band members from Central Hardin, Elizabethtown, Hart County, John Hardin, LaRue County, Meade County, North Hardin and North Hardin Christian. Physicals will be held from 7:45-9 a.m. (Central Hardin at Care First; Elizabethtown at HMH), 9-9:30 (John Hardin at Care First; Hart County, LaRue County, Meade County and North Hardin Christian at HMH) and 9:30-10 (North Hardin at Care First). For information, call 763-7724.

PLAYERS/COACHES NEEDED

MMA Team Seeking New Members
 The Brazilian jiu jitsu, judo and submission grappling and E'town Beatdown MMA team at Energy Sports is looking for new members. For information, contact Josh Johnson at 234-3961.

FOOTBALL

Fort Knox Ballers
 The Central Kentucky Bruins, a 12-and-under travel football team, is in need of players. For information, call Kevin Griffith at 735-3609.

REGISTRATION

EABC Babe Ruth League
 The Elizabethtown Area Baseball Commission is taking registrations for its Babe Ruth (ages 13, 14 and 15) league. For information, email Jeff Bowman at jeffreyabowman@comcast.net.

NO-OX WRESTLING CLUB PERSONAL FITNESS TRAINING

The No-Ox Wrestling Club will offer personal fitness and sports specific training sessions beginning in May. Participants can training one-on-one with a trainer or in group sessions in a private gym. No-Ox is also offering private and group wrestling lessons for all ages. For information, contact Joe Burroughs at 272-8486 or no_ox_wrestling@yahoo.com.

SWIMMING NOTICES

Swim Lessons
 The E'town Dolphins swimming team are offering swimming lessons this spring and summer. Sessions will be held May 29 and July 2. For information, visit www.etowndolphins.com.

TOURNAMENTS

Cornhole For United Way
 Swope Nissan is hosting a cornhole tournament May 10-12. Entry fee is \$10 per team. Entry fees for all players plus \$1,000.00 will be donated to the winners' United Way charity of choice. Teams also are encouraged to get pledges from family and friends to go toward their chosen charity. For information, visit www.swopecharitycornhole.com.

WALKS/RUNS

American Red Cross Fort Knox 5K Run For The Red
 The seventh annual American Red Cross Run For The Red 5K is May 12 on Fort Knox. For information, visit www.active.com.

ADDISON JO BLAIR 5K

The Addison Jo Blair 5K will be held May 19 in Glendale. All proceeds go to benefit the Kosair Children's Hospital. All participants who register by May 4 will receive a T-shirt and goodie bag. Participants must register online at www.active.com. For information, email info@addisonjo Blair.org.

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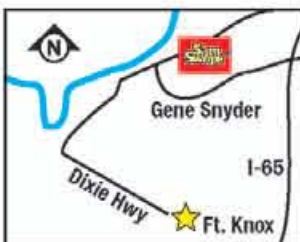
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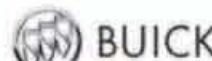
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BASEBALL



Blaze First In Marion County

The Kentucky Blaze, an under-11 travel baseball team, won the the Central Kentucky Spring Classic this past weekend in Marion County. Front row, from left, are Chase Elmore, Will Dando, Reece McElfresh and Garrett Ashlock. Middle row are Chance Peterson, Briley Hadley, Jacob Hobbs, Carson Crump and Cade Bruington. Back row are coaches Stace McElfresh, Abby Peterson and Rob Bruington. Not pictured are Tyler Wood and Coleman Clark.



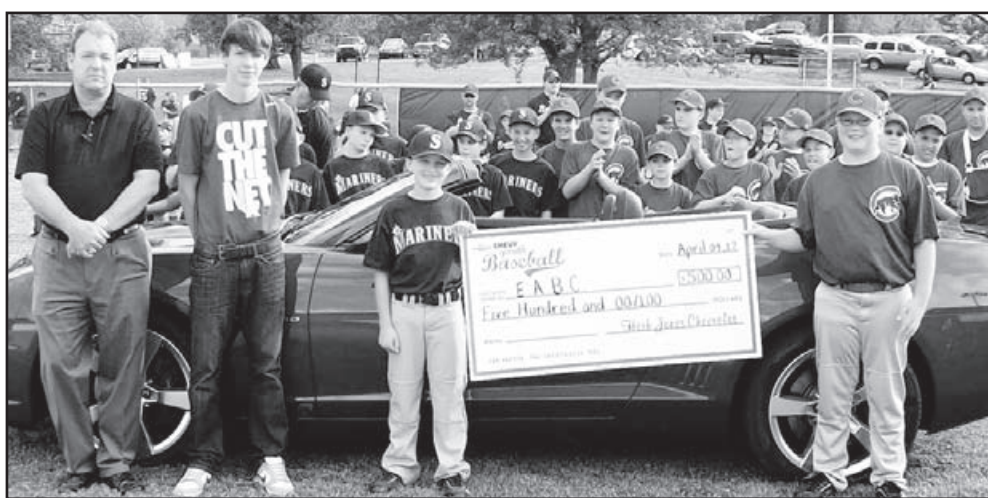
EABC Hall Of Fame Inductees

From left, Lon Galvin, Joe Roberts and L.A. Medley pose with commissioner Don Hill of the Elizabethtown Area Baseball Commission after they were inducted into the EABC Hall of Fame last week during the EABC's opening ceremony at University Drive Park.



Herb Jones Chevrolet Donates \$500 To EABC

Left, commissioner Don Hill of the Elizabethtown Area Baseball Commission receives a \$500 check from Mark Jones of Herb Jones Chevrolet, right, during the EABC's opening ceremony last week. Right, Mark Jones and Jesse Jones of Herb Jones Chevrolet pose with some Mariners and Cubs players.



HUNTING

Midnight Monday is Kentucky elk hunt deadline

www.KDFWR.org

FRANKFORT – The deadline to apply for Kentucky's hunt of a lifetime is fast approaching.

Hunters have until midnight Monday to apply for a Kentucky elk hunt. The quota hunt drawing for an elk permit is open to residents and non-residents.

Kentucky will issue 900 general quota hunt permits this year, an increase of 100 permits over the 2011 season. Kentucky's elk herd is expected to surpass 10,000 by fall.

While there's no sure thing in hunting,

Kentucky does offer phenomenal odds for hunters.

"Kentucky's success rate for hunters is higher than you'll see for wild elk practically anywhere else," said Tina Brunjes, deer and elk program coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. "If hunters put in a little effort, they will see elk. If they put in a little more effort, they will take an elk."

Last year, 93 percent of bull elk hunters, 73 percent of cow elk hunters using a firearm, 68 percent of archery hunters and 37 percent of cow elk archery hunters were successful.

Brunjes said this should be a superb season for hunters wishing to put the highest quality meat on their family's table.

"We had no real winter and no shortage of groceries for the animals," she said. "We should be set up for big, healthy animals coming into the hunting season and a lot of them."

Kentucky has more elk than all the states east of the Mississippi River combined. The state's 16-county elk restoration zone encompasses more than 4 million acres, nearly twice the size of Yellowstone National Park. More than half a million acres are open to public hunting

for elk in Kentucky.

Hunters can select from among four different elk permits: Firearms bull, archery bull, firearms cow elk or archery cow elk. While hunters may apply for two different permits, they can only be drawn for one of those permits. Each application costs \$10.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife will issue 135 permits to hunt a bull with a firearm through the general quota hunt this season. The department will issue 90 bull archery permits, 265 cow elk archery permits and 410 cow elk gun permits. A separate youth-only drawing will allow five young hunters to take a bull or a cow.

FISHING



Cardin's Walleye

Mark Cardin caught this 28-inch, 6.5-pound walleye this month in the Nolin River.

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Coleman Casteel of Elizabethtown took his first tukey with a 20-gauge shotgun.

RESULTS

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EABC 6-YEAR-OLD LEAGUE
ASTROS 3, CARDINALS 2
 Astros: Wyatt McAdams 1B; Kasey Hospelhorn 1B; Jackson Lee 2-1B; Bryan Murray 1B; Landon Wood 1B; Haylie Duffy 1B; Clifton Beesley 1B. Cardinals: Christian Taylor 1B; Adrian Dykes 1B; Greyson Hainer 1B; Jake Williams 1B; Connor Lynch 1B.
PEANUT LEAGUE
REDS 8, YANKEES 5
 Reds: Tyler Todd 2-1B; Conner Kingrey 1B, 3-2B; Kaden Ferguson 3-

1B; Hendrix Thomas 1B; Bryce Estes 2-1B; Nathan Nett 1B; Stephen Pike 1B; Kendal Bryce 1B. Yankees: Devin Owens 1B; Jackson Clark 3-1B; Drew Dawson 1B, 2B; J.J. Crabtree 1B.
RED SOX 14, CARDINALS 3
 Red Sox: Jason Towell 1B, 2B; Clint Chambliss 2-1B, 2B; Kaden Ray 3-2B; Cody Jenkinson 1B, 2-2B; Raygen Kerrick 1B, 3B; Ashton Spires 1B; Logan Smylie 1B; Brandon Shearer 1B; Zach Berger 1B. Cardinals: Trey Prather 1B; T.J. Allen 1B; Bailey Moore 1B; Logan Thompson 1B; Brandon Lee 1B, 2B.
RED SOX 13, YANKEES 10
 Red Sox: Clint Chambliss 3-1B; Kaden Ray 3-1B; Luke Preston 2-1B;

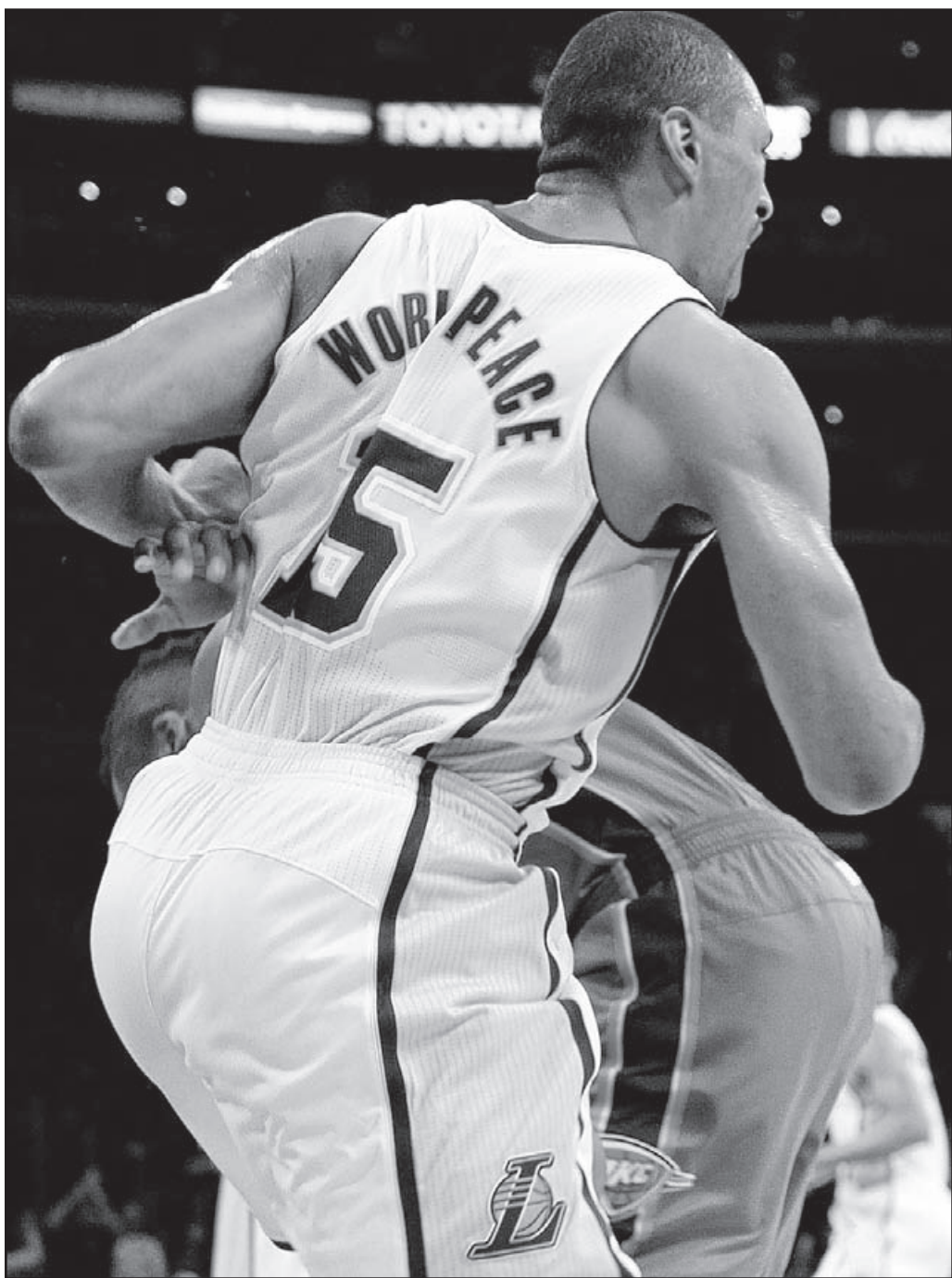
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ROYALS 11, YANKEES 4
 Royals: Camden Cox 3-1B; Anthony Bowen 2-1B; Evan Shelton 2B; Cyrus Lewis 2-2B; Nick Kerr 2-1B, 2B; Kaden Williams 2-2B; Dylan Martin 2-1B; Jarrett Kerr 2-1B; Logan Rockwell 2B; Devin Buchanan 1B. Yankees: Devin Owens 1B; Jackson Clark 1B; Drew Dawson 1B, 2B; Alex Brennan 2B; Bryan Ammons 1B.

REDS 18, CUBS 6
 Reds: Tyler Todd 1B; Karen Ferguson 2-1B, 2B; Conner Kingrey 2-1B, 2B; Hendrix Thomas 2-1B, 2B; Bryce Estes 2-1B; Nathan Nett 2-1B; Mason Schlenker 3-1B; Stephen Pike 1B; Kendal Bryce 2-1B; Andrew Bost 1B.
MINOR LEAGUE
REDS 4, RED SOX 2
 Reds: Carson Yates 2B; Jacob Norwood 1B; Brandon Parsons 1B. Red Sox: Caleb Turner 1B; Nolan Francis 1B, 2B, 3B; Caleb Adams 1B; Ben Hargan 1B. WP: Wyatt Huntsinger.
RANGERS 7, PADRES 2
 Rangers: Trace Barnes 2-1B; Cam

Smith 2B; Bryce Pruitt 2-3B; Isiah Geer 2-1B; Max Pearl 1B. Padres: Jansen Wilson 1B; Bradley Schraeke 1B. WP: Cam Smith.
RANGERS 8, YANKEES 7
 Rangers: Trace Barnes 1B; Mannie Wimberly 2B; Isiah Geer 1B; Max Pearl 2-1B. Yankees: Eli Brown 1B; Camden Williams 2-1B; Jay Banks 1B. WP: Bryce Pruitt.
ORIOLES 8, PADRES 1
 Orioles: Spencer Brandenburg 1B, 2B; Tyler Sharp 2-1B; Ty Been HR; Max Moore 1B; Josh McGowan 1B. Padres: Jansen Williams 3B; Cody Games 2B; Ryan Pyles 1B, 3B. WP: Spencer Brandenburg.
BRAVES 13, REDS 3

Braves: Clay Goodman 2-1B; Seth Madison 1B; Bradley Lackey 3B; LaSteven Cleaver 2-1B; Kyle Smith 1B, 2B; Alandre Murphy 1B; Gabriel Graham 2B; Cristian Lewis 1B. Reds: Cameron McCubbins 1B; Jake Reed 1B; Ben Kiger 1B. WP: Bradley Lackey.
MAJOR LEAGUE
TIGERS 7, BRAVES 6
 Tigers: Garrett Ashlock 1B; Logan Dozer 1B; Harrison Moore 2B; Ben Godfrey 3B, HR; Jacob Hobbs 1B; Dalton McMillan 1B. Braves: Brendan Grider 1B; Jordan Smallwood 2B; Chase Kerr 1B, 2B; Peter Kingman 2-1B; Nathan Anderson 1B; Bobby Sweeney 1B. WP: Ben Godfrey.

Stern: World Peace's past weighed in suspension



The Associated Press

NEW YORK — NBA commissioner David Stern said Wednesday the elbow Metta World Peace used to give James Harden a concussion was “recklessly thrown” and the Los Angeles Lakers forward’s history absolutely weighed into the suspension.

Stern suspended World Peace for seven games Tuesday, a penalty that could force him out of the entire first round of the playoffs, for the elbow he delivered to Harden’s head in a game against Oklahoma City on Sunday.

Stern said during a conference call that he took many things into account, including World Peace’s numerous past troubles. World Peace, who changed his name from Ron Artest, received an 86-game suspension in 2004 — the longest ban for an on-court incident in NBA history — for jumping into the stands at the Palace of Auburn Hills in the Detroit suburbs to fight fans.

“In fact if it had been somebody that got tangled up and threw an errant elbow, would that have been different than this? You bet it would have been,” Stern said. “It’s really very serious stuff and it does take in account the fact that the perpetrator is who he is and has the record that he has, and this called for in our view a very stiff penalty and we think that seven games, which only includes one regular-season game, is such a stiff penalty.”

Stern also was clear that he didn’t buy World Peace’s explanation that he acci-

REED SAXON/The Associated Press

Los Angeles Lakers forward Metta World Peace gives an elbow to Oklahoma City Thunder guard James Harden, rear, during their game Sunday in Los Angeles. On Wednesday, NBA commissioner David Stern said World Peace’s past played an issue when his seven-game suspension was announced Tuesday.

dentally struck Harden, who was cleared to play Wednesday but held out of the Thunder’s season finale.

“I believe that it was recklessly thrown and I believe that in looking at the replays again and again that he should have known that James was up against him, and some would argue that he had to have known,” Stern said.

After the Lakers’ practice Wednesday in California, World Peace acknowledged he’d thrown a “brutal” elbow while celebrating after a dunk. He had previously apologized for the hit.

“I was just way too emotional,” he said. “It seemed like anger but it was a lot of passion involved. But it was erratic. It was erratic fire, it was erratic passion. It was way too much.”

Stern was vague and occasionally defensive when asked how he decided on the length of the ban. He called the process “some combination of art and science.”

“We look at the previous penalties, we look at who’s involved in the altercation, we do take into account the seriousness of the injury and a variety of whatever else is in the atmosphere, and then it just becomes my job to decide what it should be,” Stern said.

Stern said he felt that seven games now, knowing only one of them will be in the regular season, was a move severe penalty than if it came during another part of the season.

“I think the seven was larger than some people might have thought just from an elbow, and I think that in many cases people who thought that this was so horrible that it should result in a lifetime ban,” he said. “But at the end of the day, I have to close the door and say, ‘OK, what is justice here and what’s fairness here,’ and I came up with seven.”

PICKS: aren’t really known after Colts and Redskins

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Added South Carolina defensive end Melvin Ingram: “Yeah, I guess that would be kind of different. You won’t get that adrenaline of, ‘Oh, man. I hope they pick me,’ when you know where you’re going.”

Luck will go No. 1 overall to Indianapolis after a terrific career at Stanford. Like Griffin, he is also expected to step right into a starting job as a rookie.

“I guess it’s nice, but there’s always competition in football and if I go out there and lay an egg and I’m not the best quarterback out there, I hope they don’t start me,” Luck said. “I’m excited, though. I’m going to go out there and hopefully play, obviously, and put my best foot forward and enjoy all the guys.”

Luck, the son of former NFL quarterback Oliver Luck, acknowledged that it was a “relief” to know he’ll be going to the Colts — even if they’re starting from scratch after they released Peyton Manning.

“Obviously, the slate has been wiped somewhat clean with some new coaches and some players who have gone or left, but I’ll try to come in there and work as hard as I can,” Luck said. “If that means it’s a rebuilding process, I guess you can label it as that. The guys I’m sure are working very hard and I just want to get out there and join them.”

After Luck and Griffin, Texas A&M’s Ryan Tannehill is expected to be the next quarterback taken — possibly eighth overall by Miami, where he’d be reunited with Mike Sherman. The new Dolphins offensive coordinator was Tannehill’s head coach the last four years.

“If I did happen to go there, it would be

Bengals’ Nugent signs offer

CINCINNATI — Kicker Mike Nugent signed his one-year tender offer as the Cincinnati Bengals’ franchise player Wednesday.

Nugent recovered from knee surgery and set team records with 132 points and 33 field goals last season, helping the Bengals to a wild card playoff spot. He was an unrestricted free agent after the season, but the Bengals used their franchise tag on him March 2.

Coach Marvin Lewis said the team will continue negotiating on a multiyear deal with Nugent.

Nugent is an eighth-year player out of Ohio State. The team voted him as its 2011 Ed Block Courage Award winner after he came back from a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee, suffered in the second half of the 2010 season.

Webster convicted of Ohio sex charges

CINCINNATI — Former Cincinnati Bengals linebacker Nate Webster was convicted Wednesday of sex-related charges involving the teenage daughter of a former assistant coach for the Cincinnati team.

A jury in Cincinnati found Webster, 34, guilty of four counts of unlawful sexual conduct with a minor. Jurors found him not guilty of three other charges: gross sexual imposition, sexual battery and a fifth count of unlawful sexual conduct with a minor. The jury deliberated for about six hours before reaching the verdict.

Prosecutors said Webster had sexual contact with the girl in

good,” said Tannehill, who would compete with starter Matt Moore. “It would give me some familiarity with the offense, so I think it would help ease the transition a little bit.”

Oklahoma State’s Justin Blackmon will likely be the first wide receiver picked, possibly as high as No. 4 by Cleveland. Notre Dame’s Michael Floyd, Georgia Tech’s Stephen Hill and Baylor’s Kendall Wright are other receivers who might go in the opening round.

“It’s a great time to come into the league if you are a receiver,” said

2009 when she was 15 and threatened to harm her if she told anyone. Webster admits having sex with the girl the next year, when she was 16, the legal age of consent in Ohio, but denies that the sexual relations began earlier than that.

Webster was taken into custody after the verdict.

“We obviously are disappointed with the verdict in some respects,” Webster’s attorney, Gregory Samms said after court. He said they plan to file an appeal after sentencing, but said he could not comment on specific issues being considered for the appeal.

Samms said the girl lied when she said she was 15 at the time she and Webster began having sex. Prosecutors said Webster told police that he had sex with the girl when she was 15 and played tapes of those interviews in court, but Samms said Webster was mistaken about the dates in his earlier statements.

Hamilton County assistant prosecutor Seth Tieger declined to comment on the verdict or other aspects of the case prior to sentencing, scheduled for June 6.

The prosecutor’s office said Webster could be sentenced to up to 20 years in prison. Webster could have faced up to 36½ years in prison if he had been convicted on all counts.

The former Bengals player turned down a proposed plea deal prior to the trial that would have required him to serve four years in prison, a prosecutor’s spokesman said.

Webster played for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers from 2000-03 and for the Bengals in 2004-05. He finished his career with the Denver Broncos from 2006-08.

The Associated Press

Blackmon, a two-time Biletnikoff Award winner as college football’s top receiver. “More teams are throwing the ball a lot more, it’s more wide open than ever on offense.”

Other players who could be top-10 picks are Ingram, Alabama running back Trent Richardson, LSU cornerback Morris Claiborne, Mississippi State defensive tackle Fletcher Cox and North Carolina defensive end Quinton Coples.

After winning the national championship in January, Alabama could be a big winner in the opening round. Crimson

Tide teammates Barron, Richardson, linebackers Courtney Upshaw and Dont’a Hightower, and cornerback Dre Kirkpatrick could all hear their names called tonight.

“This is a great experience, especially when you have a team where we came from,” Richardson said. “All these guys are going to the draft and we’re all going to be in the first round. Alabama set the bar high last year when they had four come out and all four went in the first round. Hopefully we can break that record and have five.”

ADAMS: said he could be coming home in the next week

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“Jared texted me and told me about it,” Keys said Wednesday afternoon. “I was surprised. I went to the hospital the next day to see him. Knowing that he was going to be alright really, really helped me.”

Central Hardin sophomore Abbie Chandler said things have definitely been different without Adams running things at practice, but that the teams have learned to cope with what happened.

“Coach is a big inspiration,” she said. “I

always push myself to get his approval. Even though he’s the sprints coach and I’m a distance runner, it’s always been my goal to get a ‘good job’ from Coach Adams, something that showed that I was really working hard. ... Everybody’s praying for him. We just need to move on with our season, but we really miss him.”

KSP public affairs officer Norman Chaffins confirmed Adams was wearing a helmet at the time of the wreck, which ultimately saved his life.

Elizabethtown coach Dickie Jones feared the worst when he heard what happened from one of his assistants.

“I was just in shock and disbelief when I heard about it,” Jones said Wednesday.

“You never want to hear of an accident of that nature happening to anyone, let alone anyone you’ve gotten to know and become close with. At that point you’re just praying and hoping for the best.”

“I’m glad to hear he’s OK,” he added. “We miss him and he’s constantly in our thoughts and prayers. It’ll be good to see him come home.”

Adams has a long recovery ahead of him, but Covington and other area coaches are confident he’ll get through it with no issues.

“Things are going to be OK,” she said. “It’s going to be a while for him to recover, but he’s strong minded and strong-willed and he’ll be OK.”

Adams didn’t want to disclose the severity of his injuries, but said he expects to be able to go home sometime in the next week.

The Bruins and Lady Bruins have rallied around Adams and his family, and have grown closer as a team. Keys said the athletes have chosen to dedicate the rest of this season in Adams’ honor.

“Those kids have got to be missing him, and I hope it brings them closer together and they rally around Coach Adams,” Jones said. “That’s what I would want to see in my team.”

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PINKHAM: will attend a showcase in Illinois in July

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Pinkham’s average pop time was 1.9 seconds. Pop time is measured from the time the ball is in catcher’s mitt to ball in second baseman or shortstop’s glove.

Pinkham, who will play this summer for

the Louisville Baseball Club under-16 team, received an invitation to the 2012 Team One Showcase Event. The top players from the tryouts get the opportunity to attend 1-of-4 of the showcases across the nation. Pinkham will attend the one in River Forest, Ill., outside of Chicago, on July 16-17.

Pinkham will go through a series of workouts as well as play two games. He is

also placed on the watch list for the Under Armour High School All-American Game at Wrigley Field.

“This drives me even more,” Pinkham said. “If I continue to work at it the right way, there’s no telling how far I can go.”

Pinkham is batting .340 with four doubles this season. He has driven in 15 runs and has scored 12 times. Pinkham has thrown out 15 of the 30 players who have

attempted to steal.

“Zeke is definitely talented,” Elizabethtown coach Don Pitts said. “But it’s not just talent. He works hard. There’s no one in this program that puts in more hours than Zeke. It’s a year-round thing with him. He has some God-given ability, but he works hard and that combination makes him special.”

Chuck Jones can be reached at (270) 505-1759

TENNIS

Nadal cruises into third round at Barcelona Open

The Associated Press

Rafael Nadal overcame a sore knee to open his bid for a seventh Barcelona Open title with an easy 6-1, 6-2 win over Guillermo Garcia Lopez in the second round Wednesday.

Nadal had a bye in the first round after defeating Novak Djokovic in the Monte Carlo Masters final Sunday and improved to 31-1 on the clay in Barcelona after breaking his fellow Spaniard six times.

Nadal had to withdraw before the semifinals of last month's Sony Ericsson Open because of a left knee problem.

Fellow Spaniard David Ferrer needed less than an hour to advance to the third round by beating Serbian wild card Filip Krajinovic 6-0, 6-3. The sixth-ranked Ferrer is bidding for his first Grand Open trophy after finishing as the runner up three times.

Ferrer plays Albert Montanes in the next round after the Spaniard saved four match points to oust 15th-seeded Bernard Tomic 6-0, 5-7, 7-5.

Canada's Milos Raonic beat Russia's Igor Andreev 6-4, 6-1, while Japan's Kei Nishikori overcame Mikhail Kukushkin 6-3, 4-6, 6-0.

Seventh-seeded Feliciano Lopez of

Spain also reached the third round with a 6-4, 6-3 victory over Italy's Flavio Cipolla and will face Jarkko Nieminen of Finland, who won 6-3, 6-7 (4), 6-4 over Eduardo Schwank of Argentina.

Kevin Anderson of South Africa, Albert Ramos of Spain and Santiago Giraldo of Colombia also advanced.

PORSCHE GRAND PRIX. Mona Barthel of Germany rallied to upset Ana Ivanovic of Serbia 7-5, 7-6 (4) in the first round in Stuttgart, Germany.

Ivanovic led 5-3 in the first set and held three set points on Barthel's serve. But the wild card saved two, then fired an ace to turn the match around.

Akgul Amanmuradova of Uzbekistan replaced the injured Daniela Hantuchova in the main draw and went on to upset another Slovak, Dominika Cibulkova, 6-2, 5-7, 6-3.

Fourth-seeded Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland cruised past qualifier Greta Arn of Hungary 6-3, 6-4 to reach the quarterfinals.

GRAND PRIX SAR. Second-seeded Svetlana Kuznetsova is out after retiring with a leg injury in the third set of her second-round match against Irina-Camelia Begu in Fez, Morocco. Former French and

U.S. Open champion Kuznetsova breezed through the first set 6-1, lost the second in a tiebreaker and trailed 3-2 in the third when she pulled out.

Sixth-seeded Chanelle Scheepers of South Africa lost 7-5, 1-6, 6-3 to Dutchwoman Kiki Bertens.

Third-seeded Petra Cetkovska defeated Timea Bacsinszky 6-3, 6-2, and fifth-seeded Simona Halep stopped Alexandra Cadantu 6-2, 7-5. Qualifier Garbine Muguruza Blanco advanced when Patricia Mayr-Achleitner retired after losing the first set 6-4.

NASTASE TIRIAC TROPHY. Defending champion Florian Mayer of Germany was ousted by Xavier Malisse of Belgium 7-5, 4-6, 6-4 Wednesday in the second round in Bucharest, Romania.

Malisse advanced to his first quarterfinals of the season.

Two other unseeded players, both of them qualifiers, also reached the quarterfinals in Bucharest. Attila Balazs defeated Potito Starace 6-3, 6-4, and Daniel Brands downed Jurgen Zopp 7-6 (3), 6-3.

SERBIA OPEN. Top-ranked Djokovic said he will skip the hometown tennis tournament organized by his family in Belgrade, Serbia, next week because of the death of

his grandfather.

Djokovic said he felt emotionally drained and unable to summon the mental strength since his grandfather died last week.

Djokovic lost to second-ranked Rafael Nadal in the Monte Carlo Masters final Sunday, three days after his grandfather's death.

SAP OPEN. The Bay Area's only stop on the ATP World Tour will soon be no more.

The 123-year-old event in San Jose, Calif., currently called the SAP Open, is moving to Memphis in 2014. The Memphis tournament is being sold and shifted to Rio de Janeiro.

The ATP Board of Directors approved the sale of the Memphis membership this week to IMX for operation of the 500-level event in Brazil. The ATP will determine the calendar and format for the events in 2014 and 2015 later this year.

The SAP Open began as the Pacific Coast Championships in Monterey in 1889 and has been played indoors recently at the home of the NHL's San Jose Sharks in February before dwindling crowds.

The women's tour still has an annual event at Stanford.

GOLF

Still a teen, Thompson returns to scene of LPGA collapse

The Associated Press

MOBILE, Ala. — Lexi Thompson's last-round Alabama collapse a year ago could be a painful memory. Instead, the talented Florida teenager turned it into a growth experience.

Thompson is back on the Crossings Course at Magnolia Grove for the newly named Mobile Bay LPGA Classic starting today. In 2011, she shared the lead going into the final round and tumbled to 19th after a closing 78.

"I wouldn't change that Sunday for anything because I learned so much from it, from what I did wrong," Thompson said. "It prepared me for when I got in that position again. It helped me at Navistar and in Dubai. I learned a lot from it and now I'm I know a little more about how to finish it. It was disappointing. It took me a few days to get over it. But I learned so much from that Sunday by not winning, so much more probably than if I had won."

Veteran Maria Hjorth finished with her second straight 67 to win the then-Avnet LPGA Classic.

Thompson definitely built on the experience, enjoying an entirely different experience in her next Alabama event. She

Clarke hopes recent marriage revives career

The Associated Press

SEOUL, Korea — Darren Clarke hopes he can start a winning stretch when the Ballantine's Championship gets under way near Seoul today.

Clarke is looking to end a run of poor finishes since his victory in the British Open last summer.

In European Tour events, his best finish was 20th at the Volvo Champions in

South Africa in January. He missed the cut at the Honda Classic in his only U.S. PGA Tour event this year.

He's hoping his luck will turn after his recent marriage on a beach in the Bahamas.

Clarke has not played the hilly course, but said he's gotten advice from a friend — last year's winner Lee Westwood, who won't return to defend the title after taking the Asian Tour's Indonesian Open last weekend.

Clarke's main rivals in the field will be Ian Poulter and Adam Scott.

won the Navistar LPGA Classic in suburban Montgomery by five strokes in September to become the youngest LPGA tournament winner at age 16.

"It was a really good feeling, just getting that confidence and knowing I can win," said Thompson, who also won the Ladies European Tour's Dubai Ladies Masters in December. "It gave me the confidence going into every tournament, knowing that I can win and wanting that feeling again."

Twelve days after she wrapped up her first win, LPGA Tour commissioner Mike

Whan approved Thompson's petition to become the LPGA Tour's youngest member. That remains her only career Top 10. She missed the cut last weekend at the LPGA LOTTE Championship in Hawaii.

Thompson won't have to contend with at least two top players this weekend in the \$1.25 million tournament where the winner gets \$187,500. Ai Miyazato, fresh from a win, and top-ranked Yani Tseng are skipping the Alabama event.

Tseng has won three of the first seven tournaments this year.

Hjorth returns to the site of her fifth LPGA victory after what turned into a fun family trip last year. Husband Shaun McBride carried her bag and then-2-year-old daughter Emily was on hand.

"It's always great to be back at a place where you've won obviously, and defending is always special," Hjorth said. "There's obviously a lot of memories that come back. You go out there and play and you see a lot of shots that you hit last year and you still see a lot of putts that you made from the tournament."

"And obviously a lot of great memories with my husband on the bag and my daughter ... so it was a nice family get-together for the week. Having a win as well was even more amazing."

She's had a slow start in 2012, missing the cut in two of her six events. Her best finish so far is a 25th-place tie at the HSBC Women's Champions in Singapore.

"I feel pretty good about my game and I've worked hard on it, especially my putting," Hjorth said. "Hopefully it will come together. I feel it's very close, and coming out here and having good memories, hopefully that will bring my game up a little bit and have a good finish."

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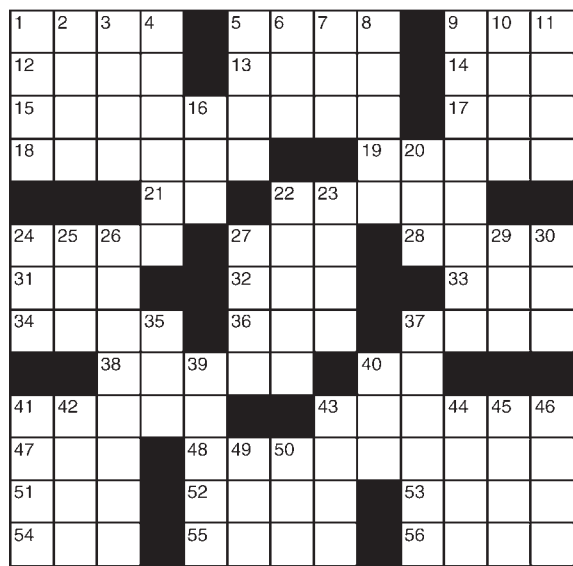
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Solution time: 25 mins.



Yesterday's answer 4-26



CRYPTOQUIP

FUBG PIS UKNB JI FQZJB JUB ABMKA JBYJ WIGWBQZGM KAWIUA ABNZBO, SOB CQICBQ OZG-JKY OPGJKY.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHILE FLOATING ON SOME RAGING WHITE WATER, MANY OF THE GUYS WERE FOUND GUILTY OF RAFT-DODGING.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals U

SEEK AND FIND

U E Y B Y Y V W S P M J H E B Y V L T A A Q D O L I T G D B Y W T L A L L E Y O O P T I O N B R P O E P K M H G Z K I F D B O Y W R U E S T D S T Q O M F F O K C I P Z O N K I I F D B Z N T X A W B E A N B A L L U U S Q L O F A D E A W A Y B D N E S R E V E R V U L J H F D C A Y W V G T A I S Q Q P N L K I H F E C B G G Z Y S W V

Wednesday's unlisted clue: ORDERS

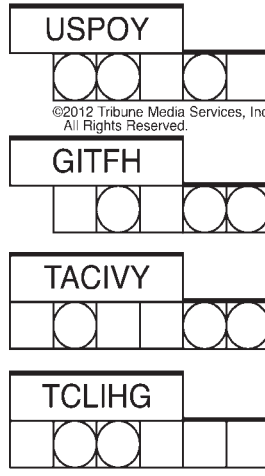
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Thursday's unlisted clue hint: BASKETBALL'S PICK AND —

- Alley-oop Deke Option Slapshot Beanball Dunk Pickoff Squeeze play Blitz Fadeaway Relay Toe drag Bootleg Give and go Reverse

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



Ans: (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: GRUNT ELDER SHRINK APIECE Answer: The ships left the port in a — CRUISE LINE

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HINTS FROM HELOISE

Dear Heloise: In a recent letter, a reader inquired about removing wine residue from a lead-crystal decanter. Please do your readers a service and warn them about a medical directive stating wine should never be stored in lead crystal, as lead can and will leach into the wine. In addition, pregnant women are advised against drinking anything from lead crystal. — Barbara C., Scotch Plains, N.J.

Barbara, yes, you are right. The Food and Drug Administration advises that lead can leach into wine if stored for a long time in the decanter. However, it's OK to use this type of decanter for serving wine right away. Additionally, the FDA recommends all lead crystal

should be used with caution, especially with children and women of childbearing age — they should use lead-free crystal, if possible. None of this information is on the FDA website. However, it is available when you call the FDA (888-463-6332). P.S.: Many people call all crystal "lead crystal" when it is not.

SEASONED SPOONS. Dear Heloise: Is there a proper way to care for wooden kitchen spoons and spatulas? Should I "season" them? — Debbie B., Struthers, Ohio

Yes, there is; yes, you should; and it's simple to

do. Start by washing the wood spoons in soap and hot water, then let them dry. Next, wipe each with mineral oil (not olive or vegetable oil, because it can become rancid).

Let the spoons sit for a couple of hours or overnight. Next, wipe off the excess, and they are ready to use.

It's always a good idea to hand-wash wooden items. Placing them in the dishwasher can cause damage from the hot water, strong detergent and high temperature of the drying cycle.

LIPSTICK APPLICATIONS. Dear Readers: Have you ever wondered how many times you can apply lipstick from a single, standard tube? Manufacturers say that a tube of lipstick has ap-

proximately 260 applications — that equals about three months' worth (if you apply lipstick three times a day).

Lipstick has a shelf life of one to two years. However, if it looks, smells or tastes funny, that is an indication that the lipstick needs to be disposed of.

PET-FOOD BAG. Dear Heloise: I buy the large bags of dog and cat food. When a bag is empty, I use it for trash. It is especially handy for heavy, messy stuff. Before I put it in the garbage can, I close the top and then staple it shut. — Shirley in Harrisburg, Pa.

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PEOPLE

People magazine has named Beyonce as the World's Most Beautiful Woman for 2012.

Commenting on her selection, Beyonce said "I feel more beautiful than I've ever felt because I've given birth. I have never felt so connected, never felt like I had such a purpose on this Earth."



BEYONCE

Beyonce, who is married to rapper Jay-Z, gave birth to a daughter, Blue Ivy Carter, in January. "She's just the cutest thing," said the Grammy winner, who sings to her daughter and claims to "love" changing diapers.

Police and California child welfare officials who visited Nadya Suleman's home after someone claimed that her 14 children were living in squalor say they did not find evidence that the children are in any danger.

La Habra police Sgt. Daniel Barnes said officers and Orange County Department of Family and Children's Services officials examined Suleman's home in Southern California on Tuesday and found nothing unusual.

Entertainment news site TMZ.com said Suleman's hairstylist told police the house was a mess and there was only one working toilet in the home.

Suleman became known as Octomom after she gave birth to eight babies in January 2009.

The Associated Press

TELEVISION

THURSDAY EVENING April 26, 2012

Cable Key: E-E'town/Hardin/Vine Grove/LaRue RB-Radcliff/Fort Knox/Muldraugh/Brandenburg

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MOVIES

SHOWTIME CINEMAS, Radcliff, 351-1519 "The Lucky One" (PG-13) 2, 4:30 and 7 p.m. "Think Like A Man" (PG-13) 2, 4:30 and 7 p.m. "Wrath of the Titans" (PG-13) 2, 4:30 and 7 p.m. "The Cabin in the Woods" (R) 2, 4:30 and 7 p.m. "The Three Stooges" (PG) 2, 4:30 and 7 p.m.

MOVIE PALACE, Elizabethtown 769-1505 "The Lucky One" (PG-13) 2, 4:30, 7 and 9:30 p.m. "Think Like A Man" (PG) 1:30, 4, 6:30 and 9 p.m. "The Three Stooges" (PG) 1:30, 4, 6:30 and 9 p.m. "Wrath of the Titans" (PG-

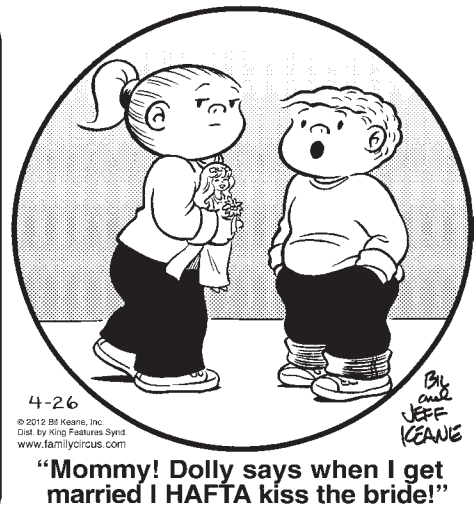
13) 2 p.m. "Wrath of the Titans" 3-D (PG-13) 4:30, 7 and 9:30 p.m. "Mirror Mirror" (PG) 1:30, 4, 6:30 and 9 p.m. "The Hunger Games" (PG-13) 1:30, 4:30, 6:30, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. "Dr. Seuss' The Lorax" (PG) 1:30 and 4 p.m. "Titanic" 3-D (PG-13) 2

and 7 p.m. "American Reunion" (R) 1:30, 4, 6:30 and 9 p.m. "21 Jump Street" (R) 2, 4:30, 7 and 9:30 p.m. "The Cabin in the Woods" (R) 2, 4:30, 7 and 9:30 p.m. "Lockout" (PG-13) 2, 4:30, 7 and 9:30 p.m.

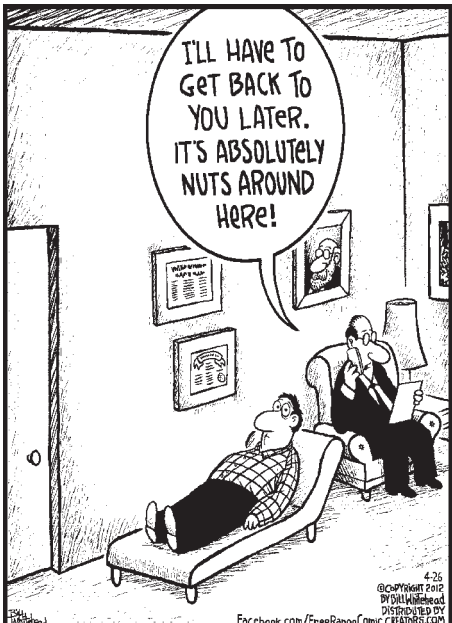
Ziggy/Tom Wilson



Family Circus/Jeff Keene



Free Range/Bill Whitehead

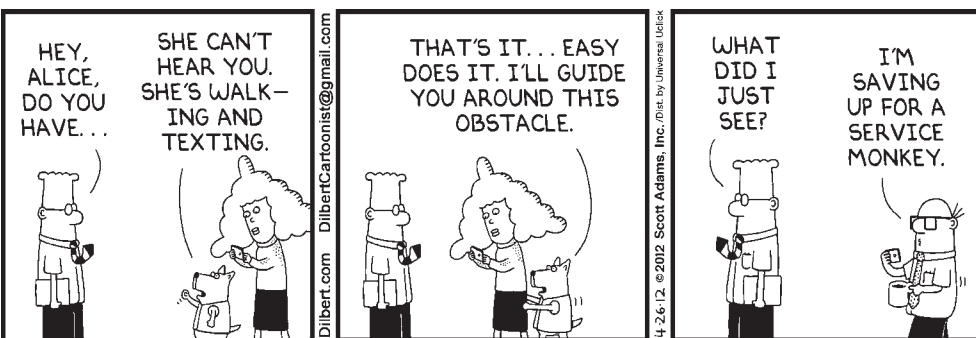


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"Concerning politics, he plays no favorites."

Dilbert/Scott Adams



IN THE STARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Put more emphasis on what you can accomplish. Complaining will not help you gain the confidence of those around you. Strive for stability and greater security, and refuse to let emotional matters impede you or lead you astray. The choices you make now will influence your life for years to come. Your numbers are 8, 17, 20, 25, 33, 44, 47.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Curb your response. You don't want to come across as unpredictable or difficult to deal with. Emotions will be hard to control, and it's important that you lead with charm, grace and good intentions if you want others to respond favorably.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Do something nice for someone you love and you will get something nice in return. Sharing, caring and participating will lead to a host of new opportunities and friendships. Aggressive pursuits will pay off and show your leadership ability.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Do something that will lift your spirits or build your confidence. A personal change to your image or the way you do things will draw positive attention. Avoid emotional situations that can lead to unfounded guilt and unnecessary handouts.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You'll find it hard to keep the peace. Don't let someone's lack of tact pull you into an argument. Take the high road and focus on creative projects that will enhance the way people view you and what you have to offer.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Make changes that enhance your position. You can do things your way if you can prove you have a better strategy in place. Your input will be met with opposition, but if you use a little Leo charm you will win the battle.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You have the knowledge and expertise to turn any situation in your favor. Get busy making things happen instead of just thinking about it. Call in favors from people you have worked with in the past and something interesting will develop.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You'll have plenty to think about and discuss when it comes to personal or professional partnerships. Iron out any problems before you move forward or spend money that can add to your stress. Love is in the stars.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Invest in a plan that allows you to use your skills and knowledge strategically. Networking will lead to an opportunity to expand something you already are inter-

ested in pursuing. Don't let someone's jealousy stand between you and your goals.

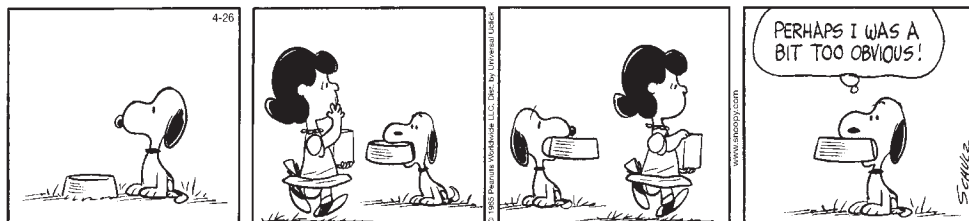
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Put more time and effort into your home, family, and most of all, your love life. It's important that you are on the same page when it comes to personal changes that can alter your lifestyle. Compromise will satisfy everyone involved.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can learn from someone else's mistake. An investment, residential move or expansion of personal interests will play a positive role in your future plans. Expect someone from your past to have an influence on the choices you make.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Discuss your plans for the future and make lifestyle changes that are conducive to greater security and stabilization. It's up to you to call the shots and make the adjustments required to reach your goals.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Let experience help you make better personal choices. Avoid getting into a no-win situation that ends in a loss of friendship. Reconnect with people you miss or have lost touch with. Express your regrets and your hopes for the future.

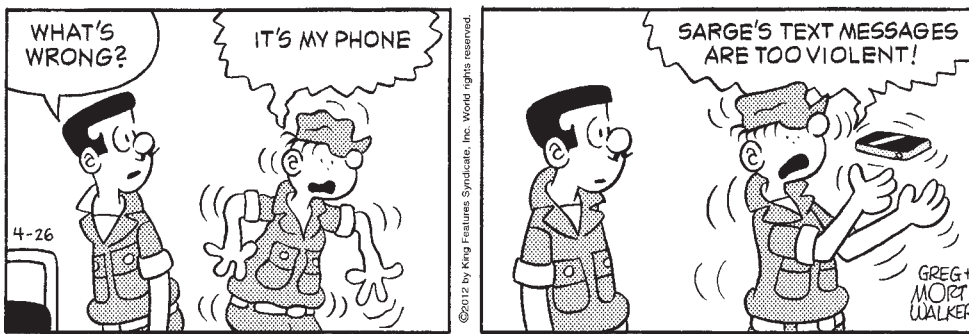
Peanuts/Charles Shultz



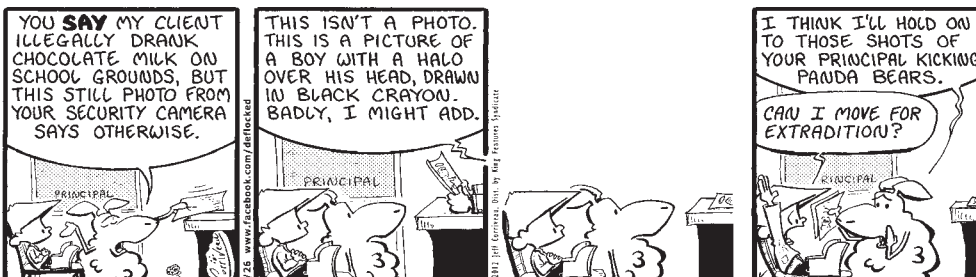
Garfield/Jim Davis



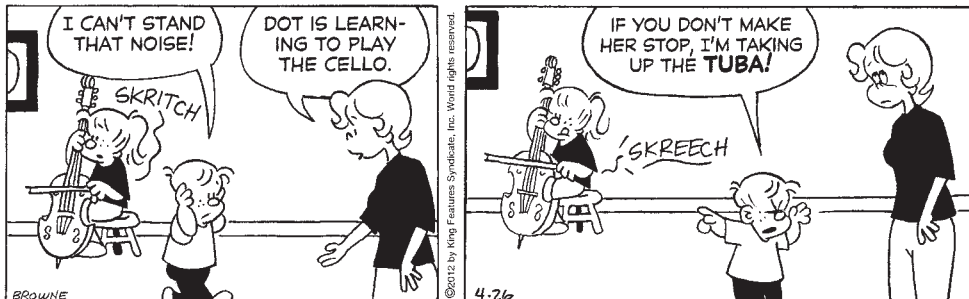
Beetle Bailey/Mort Walker



DeFlocked/Jeff Corvieu



Hi & Lois/Brian and Greg Walker



Baby Blues/Jerry Scott and Rick Kirkman



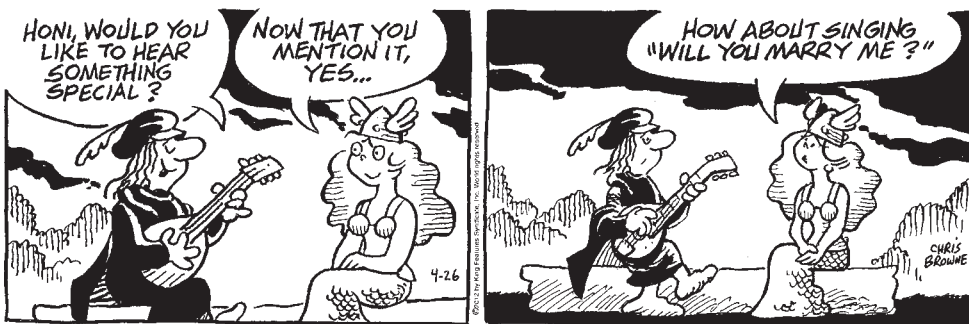
Big Nate/Lincoln Peirce



Zits/Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman



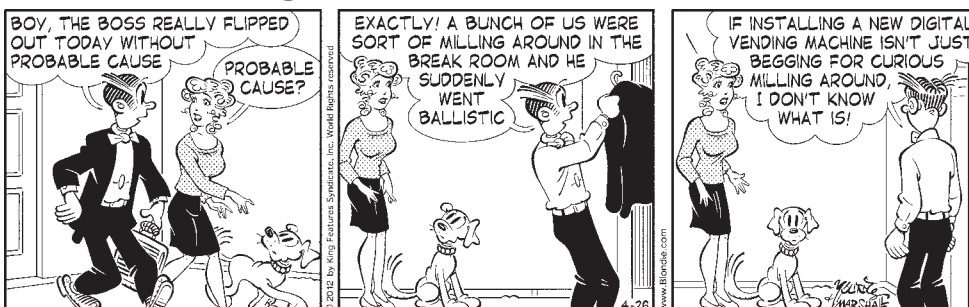
Hagar the Horrible/Dik Browne



Stone Soup/Jan Eliot



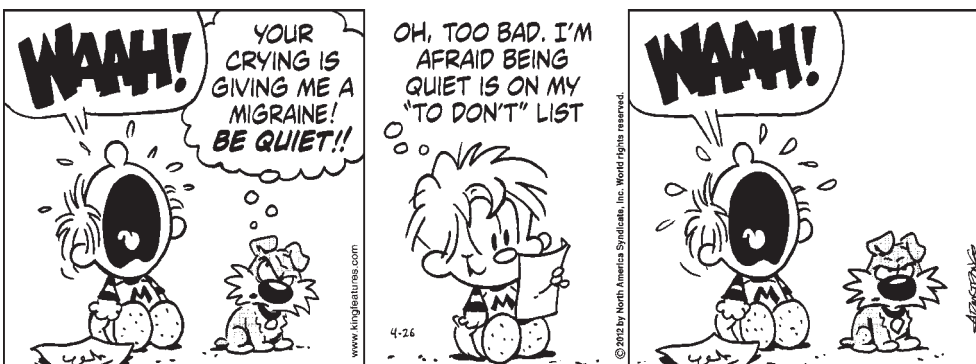
Blondie/Dean Young and Denis Lebrun



Frank & Ernest/Bob Thaves



Marvin/Tom Armstrong



Jeff MacNelly's Shoe/Chris Cassatt and Gary Brookins

